

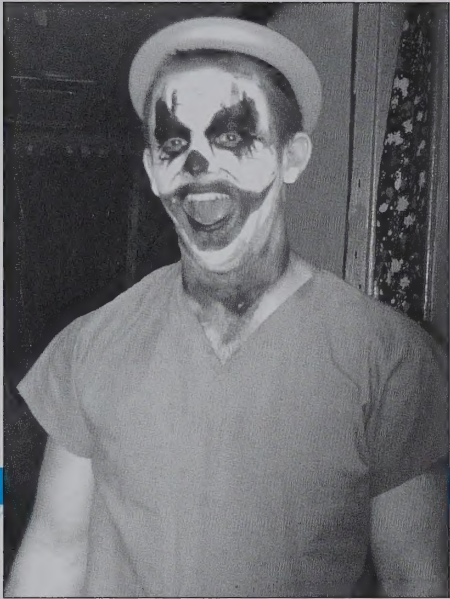


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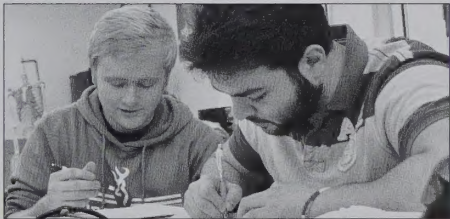
Exchange student Lydia Taylor shows off her beautifully carved and not so scary pumpkin. | Monica Morales



Sophomore Trenton McCorkle is kind of creepy during Sigma Phi Epsilon's "Haunted House." | Natalie Christy



Freshmen Blake Buxton and Ashraf Obaji work together in Exercise & Sport Science 112. | Natalie Christy



The 2016 LinC is dedicated to the memories of juniors Bailey George (1995-2016) and Stephanie Marcotte (1995-2016).



What's a dance routine without a selfie to end it? Freshman Claire Dunigan, sophomores Kindrea Wilson and Nehchal Bedi, junior Celcia Goedde and senior Sarah Cheatham are all smiles during Alpha Omicron Pi's "Rock-4-Riley" performance. | Kate Sarber

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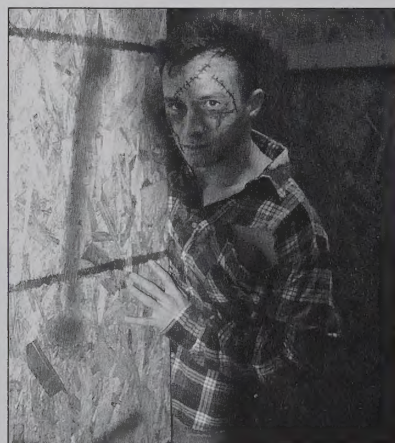
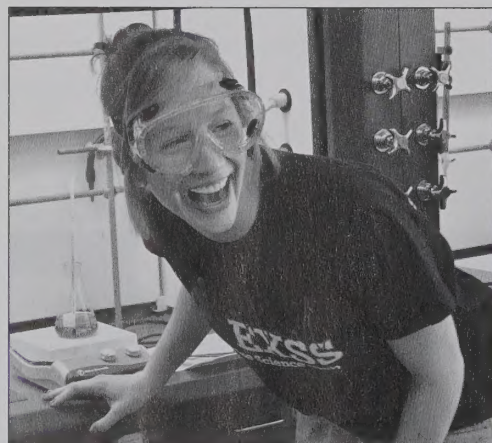
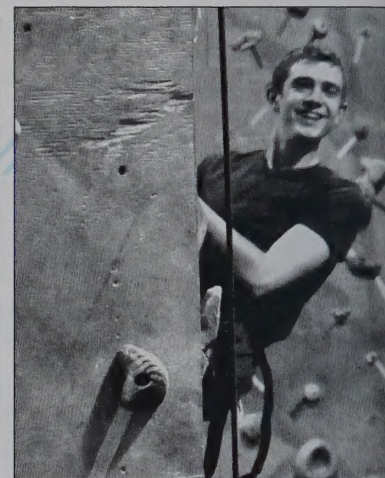
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As soon as the starting gun fires, freshman Sienna Crews quickly moves past racers to get to the front. | Kate Sarber

Lift off! Senior Vince Cecil moves out in front as Lambda Chi Alpha gets ready to pass a new brother. | Kate Sarber

Heights are clearly nothing to be scared of for senior Joey Estes as he scales one of the walls at Vertical eXcape while also posing for a quick picture. | Chelsea Blanton



If anyone can find something to laugh about, it is senior Anneliese Trapp. Keeping an eye on the thermometer, she warms solution during Chemistry 118, "Principles of Chemistry," lab. | Natalie Christy

What a creepy guy. Freshman Chace Avery slithers from behind a wall to scare people during Sigma Phi Epsilon's haunted house. | Natalie Christy



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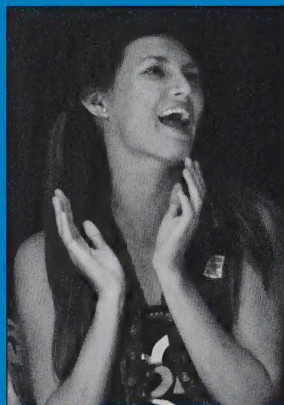
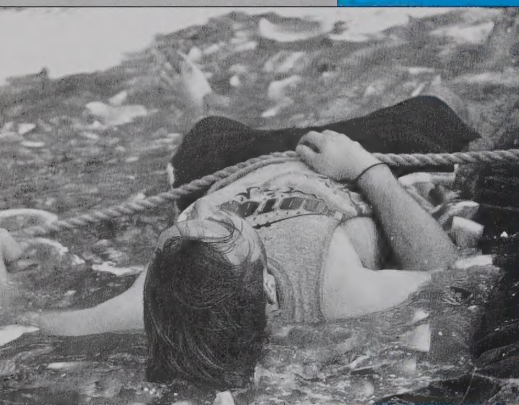
Creeping across the stage during Phi Kappa Tau's "Phi-Day Night Live," senior Rachel Ray makes the audience laugh when she shouts, "I'm so freaking excited!" | Kate Sarber

Revenge is a dish best served cold and whipped. Senior Will Johns tosses his tin at Calvin Wertman, Hale Hall residential coordinator. | Kate Sarber

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Between classes and organizations, friends and homework, we were often asked how we did it all. Racing from one event to the next and turning assignments in minutes before they were due, we usually just shrugged and said, "Hey, it's college." We might have followed the same routine each week and looked forward to the same events every year. We might have tweeted daily about life without a library — at least until it re-opened, and then we couldn't stop talking about it. But by Fall Break, without fail, we were asking ourselves where the time had gone. It was the little things, really, that kept us go-



ing despite our hectic schedules. It was unexpected but much needed run-ins with friends or late nights when we had to have Taco Bell. The little moments outside of our routines made our time here all the better. We might have been fixated on our daily lives and wondered what happened to the time, but in the end, we knew there was much more to it.

there's much
MORE to our lives



Sophomore Phillip Rumler collapses in sticky gunk during Lambda Chi Alpha's "Watermelon Bust." | Justin Spellman

Junior Katlyn Thompson shows her approval during Phi Kappa Tau's "Phi-Day Night Live." | Natalie Christy

Freshmen Faith Winchel and Michael Steele dig a little dirt during the Freshman Service Project. | MaKayla Seifert

As she spins the wheel, junior Alexis Peterman concentrates on centering and molding the clay. | Natalie Christy

Waiting for the signal to go, junior Jessa Gargan gets ready to dust her opponents during "Color War." | Kate Sarber

Who will let go first? Forward Nate Opperman and IUPUI defender Luke Sartino battle for the possession. | Kate Sarber

Using his charm, junior Nate Lawson urges students to join RSA during the Student Organizations Fair. | Kate Sarber

A true sign of finesse, outside hitter Mildrelis Rodriguez bumps the ball to her teammates. | Kate Sarber

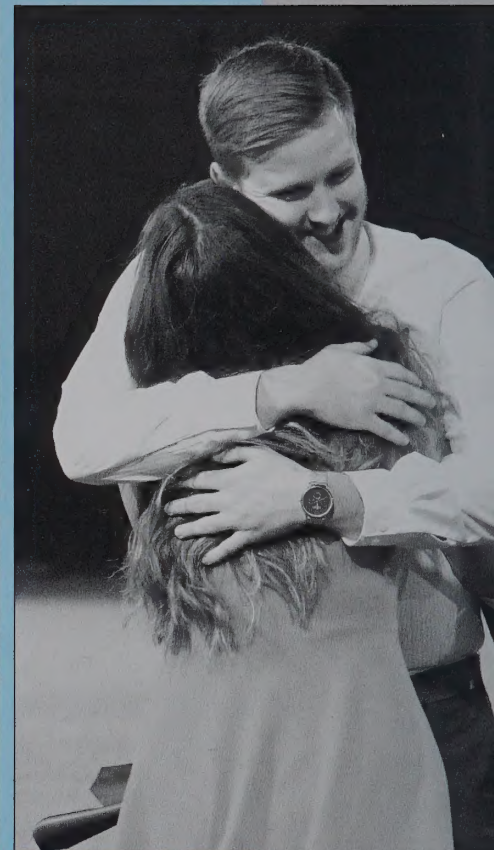
Tamara (junior Rachel Woods) and Dee (senior Samie Johnson) in "The Royal Society of Antarctica." | Kate Sarber

Senior Eric Trudrung and sophomores Matthew McDer- mid, Trenton McCorkle and Christian Germonprez and oth- er Hard Aces cheer on men's soccer. | Kate Sarber

Before putting on his Mr. UE sash, senior Robbie Gran- inger pauses to receive a congratulatory hug from 2015 alumna Alex Moore. | Kate Sarber

Sophomore Victoria Phillips is not going to miss as she aims for Betsy Whited, Mortan & Brentano residential co- ordinator, at the CNSRG event. | Kate Sarber

Even the Orientation Leaders join in at the Freshmen Olympics since the day is just too hot for everyone. Sophomores Phillip Rumler and Sarah Warner shudder as the icy water drops on them. | Makayla Seifert

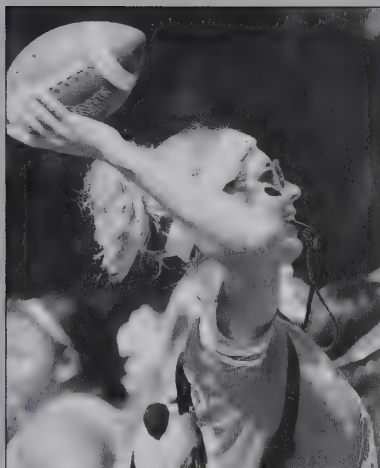


Various forms of technology make life in the lab much easier. Senior Shelby Henderson uses a calculator and her laptop to compute data. | Natalie Christy

As the colorful cornstarch "Color War" breaks out all over the intramural field, senior Anessa Brosman gets caught in the tiny sandstorm thrown at her. | Kate Sarber

Three of the contestants for Miss UE – seniors Anneliese Trapp, Sarah Cheatham and Abbi Hanson – enjoy a laugh as they await the crowning results. | Kate Sarber

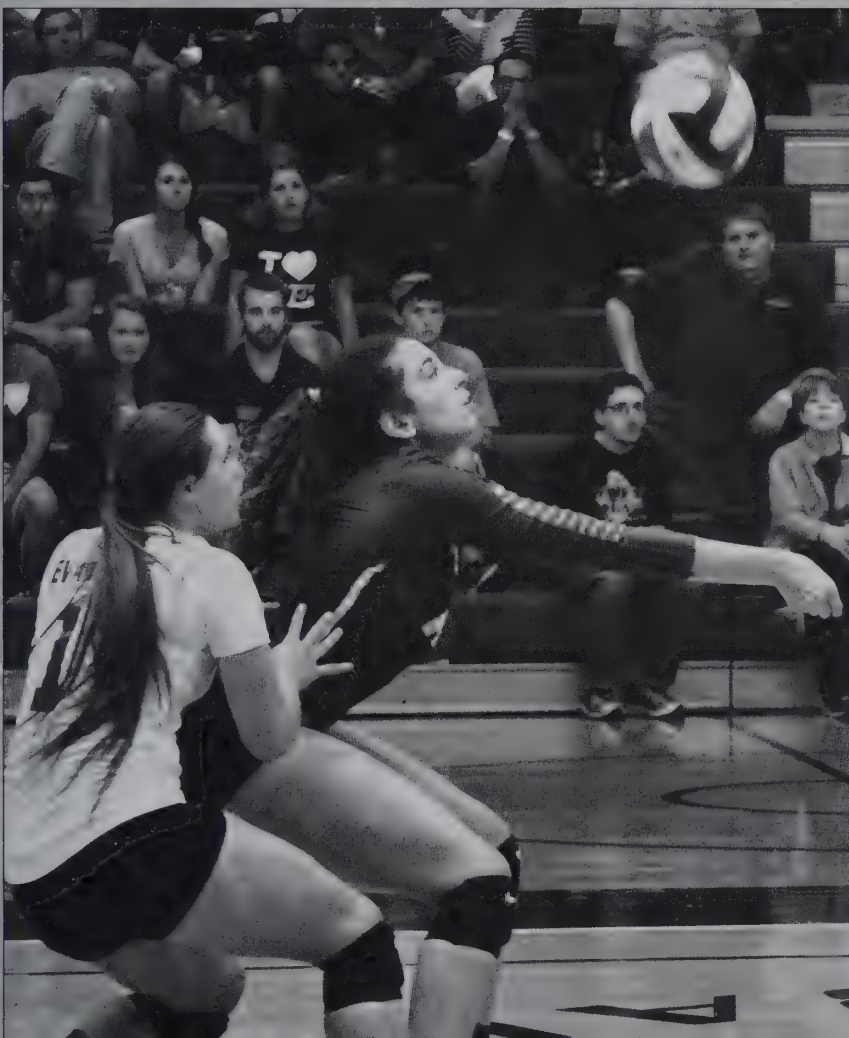




Watching children participate in the carnival games, sophomore Toni Calderaro works the ring toss station during Homecoming. | Natalie Christy

Serious and fun. Freshman Montey Quinn takes the time to check out the activities BSU has organized in the past during the Student Organizations Fair. | Kate Sarber

Living up to the spirit of Bid Day and the sorority's theme, senior Amanda Banitt tosses a football with her Alpha Omicron Pi sisters. | Monica Morales



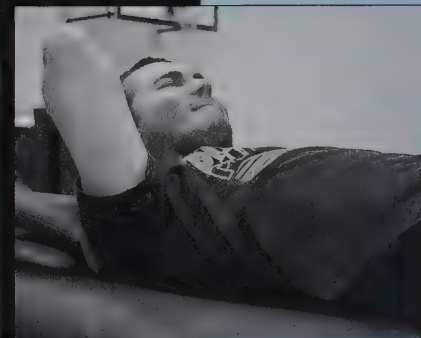
Prepare to get wet. Junior Hassan Taki Eddin, seniors Marina Moreno and Marketa Trousilova and sophomores Amanda Alexander and Willian Mallmann unsuccessfully guard themselves against the water attack of exchange student Guilherme Andrade. | Monica Morales

"Got it!" As both stay focused on the ball, middle blocker Rocio Fortuny bumps it back into play as libero Kim Deprez stays by Fortuny's side during a game against Jackson State as part of UE's Dunn Hospitality Tournament. | Kate Sarber

There's no better way to end a day than with fireworks. Senior Mark Anthony Gonzales and his girlfriend, Kyleigh Carpenter, snuggle up to watch. | Kate Sarber

With endless possibilities at her fingertips, sophomore Kaila Knies thoughtfully bends and loops the clay to construct a work of art during Art 360. | Natalie Christy

His face says it all. Junior Jacob Meyer tries to remain calm as he donates blood during Newman Club's blood drive. | Justin Spellman



Chanting and cheering are always a part of Bid Day, and seniors Andrea Heredia, Molly Chidester and Bianca Frasier and sophomores Hannah Rowe and Emily Hughes put in their best effort as they welcome their new Zeta Tau Alpha sisters. | Monica Morales

Portraying the elaborate Mindy Elise Gracin, one of Kristen Wiig's wacky characters from "Saturday Night Live," junior Rachel Barkalow glides across the stage as she tries to describe the "Secret Word" during Phi Kappa Tau's "Phi-Day Night Live." | Kate Sarber



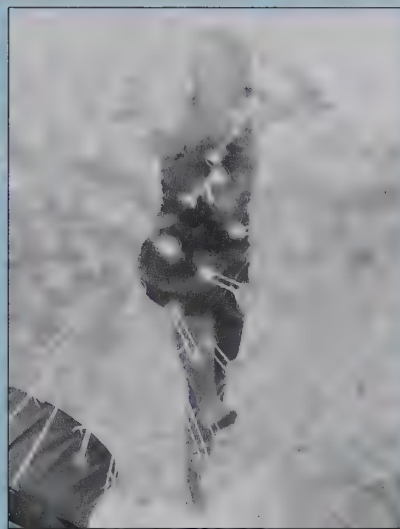
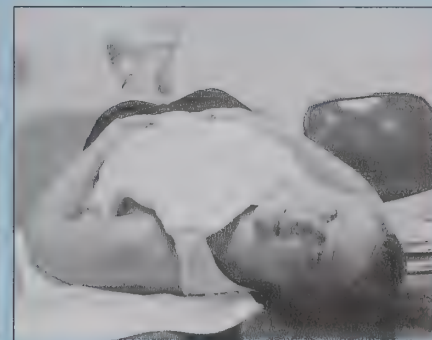
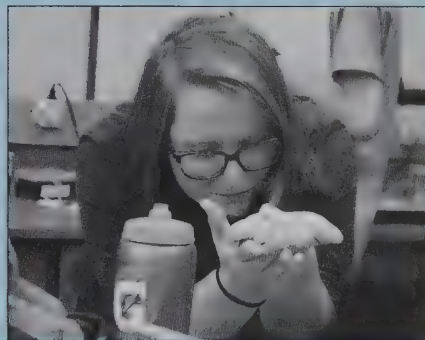


Midfielder Bronwyn Boswell pushes past Miami (Ohio) forwards Ashley Weathers and Jenny Barr as Redhawks goalkeeper Vic Maniaci makes the leap. | Kate Sarber

Sophomore Caleb Williams' move surprises senior Molly Chidester and sophomore Blake Adams while playing "Monopoly" in Accounting 210. | Monica Morales

Enjoying a sunny September afternoon on the Ridgeway Center lawn, freshman William Hume relaxes with friends. | Natalie Christy

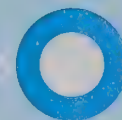
Studying animal physiology has its tender moments. Senior Zoie Babb spends time between lab experiments playing with a tiny test subject. | Natalie Christy



Graduate student Stephanie Marx checks her measurements on the screen above before her lab partner begins treatment in Physical Therapy 412. | Natalie Christy

The best part about moving in the residence halls? Having students like sophomore Micah Lane help with the heavy lifting. | Makayla Seifert

Trapped inside the giant ball, sophomore Carlene Widmer puts her rolling skills to the test as she races to the finish line during the Homecoming carnival. | Justin Spellman



student LIFE

From Welcome Week to Bike Race Weekend, sometimes it seemed like the same ol' things happened every year. We thought we knew what to expect until Homecoming centered around a carnival theme and Sunset Concert returned to campus. Events like International Bazaar grew, theatre productions continued to

impress, temperatures dropped drastically just in time for MLK Day and instead of sleigh rides for the holidays, SAB had us ice-skating on a polymer-covered Memorial Plaza. Many things remained the same, but this year also brought different things, and we realized again and again that **there's much more to student life.**



Behind the teacher's back, anything goes. Making the craziest faces they can, freshmen Aden Merchant, Takumi Mundy, Tyler Wintermute and Ian Phipps only act nice when hypnotist Bruce McDonald is looking their way during the annual Welcome Week show. | MaKayla Seifert



With temperatures a little chilly, freshmen Kaylee Gubrick and Paige Hignite wait patiently for hot chocolate at SAB's "Christmas on Campus." | Chelsea Blanton



After stopping by a number of tables at the Student Organizations Fair, freshmen Stephen Louis, Sierra Miller and Marshall Hopkins pause at Quidditch Club. Adorned in her wizardly garb, senior Alex Lewis sorts through houses and explains the differences between Gryffindor and Hufflepuff. | Kate Sarber



Braving the frosty temperatures in not much more than a jacket, sophomore Choudhury Yusuf displays his poster. Freshman Alvaro Navarrete, Patricia Medina de Diaz, Fulbright language teaching assistant, and others get ready to take part in UE's version of the annual civil rights march on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. | Natalie Christy



Senior Justin Carey spends his morning helping people as they move into Hale and Powell halls. | Makayla Seifert

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These two definitely aren't afraid to work. During Welcome Week's Freshmen Service Project, freshmen Sam Bacurin and Kenny Rusk build benches and picnic tables for Methodist Temple. | Makayla Seifert



by Mackenzie Bruce

what it means TO BE AN Ace

Wearing purple T-shirts and lanyards around their necks with their IDs attached, freshmen were easy to spot. A new class of bright-eyed students joined campus every year and somehow survived the whirlwind of meeting new people, orientation sessions and events that were Welcome Week.

"Just being away from my family, that was what I was nervous about," freshman Julia Toney said. "My independence, it was exciting and scary."

Despite everyone's jitters, the week always began in a flourish of celebration. At the opening event, students met members of their small groups as well as their Orientation Leader. Soon, the almost 400 freshmen were purple-clad in

their Welcome Week shirts that sported a phrase that would follow them throughout the year — "Forever Purple."

But before everything began, everyone had to settle into their residence halls. Even carrying boxes and mini fridges up flights of stairs in the heat could not stop the new students from indulging in some fun. A sand volleyball game started outside of Hale Hall, and Toney took a break to watch, laughing about the trials of moving somewhere new.

"I brought a lot of books," she said. "I brought like four crates of books. They were kind of like my children. It was hard to pick, so I kind of took them all."

After moving in, the week really kicked into gear. After the



Making his debut as the "Dance Master," freshman Justin Trevino does his best over-the-top interpretation of how Republicans would groove, while freshman Kenny Rusk follows his lead. | Kate Sarber

In a hypnotic round of "American Idol," freshman Bailee Bostic surprises both the audience and hypnotist Bruce McDonald with her performance. | Kate Sarber

Acting out when the "teacher" isn't looking, freshmen Sienna Crews and Austin Mitchell sneak silly faces and mean gestures behind Bruce McDonald's back. | Kate Sarber

It's hard to know where you are going with a load like this, but junior Andrew Stewart goes beyond chivalry as he carries items into Morton & Brentano halls. | Kate Sarber



opening event, students were treated to a nighttime carnival, and the days that followed were filled with other fun activities, along with serious stuff every student needed to know.

One of the most memorable events was always the hypnotist show. Up to his usual antics, Bruce McDonald hypnotized almost 30 students. From instructing them to smell diapers to imaging the audience naked, the new students enjoyed watching their classmates act in outlandish ways.

The chosen found themselves on stage with their peers, sniffing them or cuddling close. But for others, the strength of being hypnotized left them dazed — or convinced that the scenarios were real. Freshman Kristen Comstock experienced

this odd occurrence, not firsthand, but through freshman Austin Mitchell, who sat on her lap during one scenario.

"He said that there were horses waiting for us and that our parents couldn't know," she said of the romantic Hollywood twist imagined by the participants. "And that he didn't care if we died, we were in love."

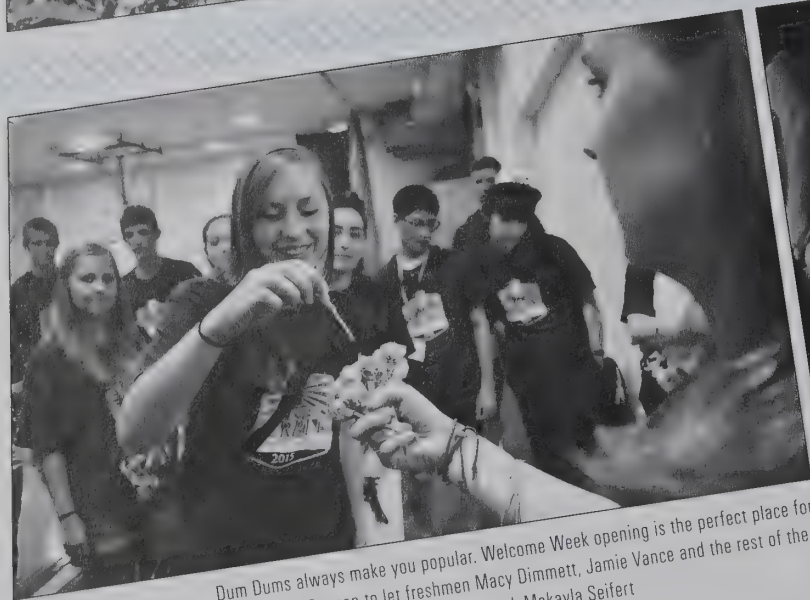
The Freshman Service Project helped everyone to understand the importance of giving back and contributed to their start at UE. As small group, they volunteered at places such as Methodist Temple, Wesselman Park and the Tri-State Food Bank to help the community.

After spending the day painting, building picnic tables

and boxing food items, the freshmen had one last fling before classes. At the Olympics, a class picture was followed by matches of soccer and kickball, and some even paired up to play cornhole and ladder golf. This last carefree time together before classes began wrapped up the chaotic week perfectly.

"[My favorite part was] the up-beat welcome-ness of everyone here," freshman Melody Ramos said. "Other schools wouldn't put in so much effort."

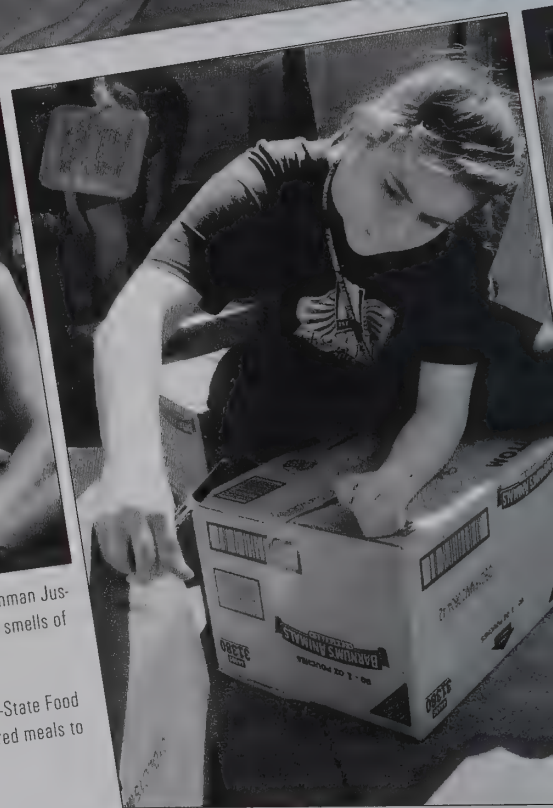
Finally, with Mark Valenzuela, associate professor of civil engineering, playing the bagpipes, the freshmen were led to the Fitness Center the day before classes began to take part in the matriculation ceremony as the class of 2019



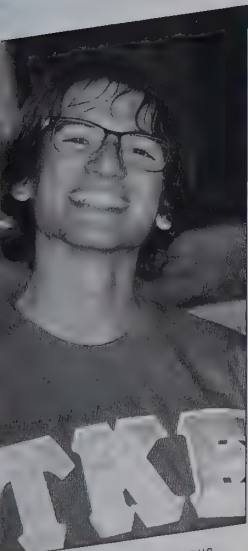
Dum Dums always make you popular. Welcome Week opening is the perfect place for junior Avery Reagan to let freshmen Macy Dimmett, Jamie Vance and the rest of the incoming class pick their favorite flavor. | Makayla Seifert



Snapped out of her hypnosis, freshman Rocío Fortuny finds freshman Justin Lyons leaning in just a little too close to sniff the tantalizing smells of her most expensive perfume. | Makayla Seifert



Helping the community is serious business. Working at the Tri-State Food Bank, freshman Danielle Tessier labels box after box of prepared meals to give to those in need. | Makayla Seifert



With new students on campus, sophomore Mike Foglia can't help but monkey around at the Welcome Week carnival. | Makayla Seifert



That is one way to cool off. Freshmen Jennie Ngo and Aden Merchant are definitely surprised at how icy-cold the water is as Orientation leads new students on the heels of a hot day. | Makayla Seifert

Maneuvering hefty clipping sheers, freshman Justin Stark clears away overgrown weeds at the University Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's garden, making it look like new. | Makayla Seifert

Enjoying a sweet, cool treat to top off another warm day, Intensive English students Anri Tada and Mei Kawagashira sit with friends to discuss Snow Cone flavors. | Kate Sarber

Cresting the top of the ginormous slide, junior Andrew Gallagher smoothly catches some air before falling back down and tumbling out of the giant inflatable. | Kate Sarber

Power tools in hand, freshmen McKenzie Goebel and TaLoni Ginder spend their service project day constructing sturdy picnic tables and benches for the areas around Methodist Temple. | Makayla Seifert



There is nothing like having help when moving in, especially when it's wickedly hot outside. Seniors Nasib AlHaffar and Zane Wyman and sophomores Christian Germonprez and Connor Micklo lend a helping hand. | Makayla Seifert

Beating the Heat

Extreme heat couldn't contain students at the Student Organizations Fair. Curious freshmen and some inquisitive upperclass students found themselves wiping their foreheads as they walked between the tables that lined Ridgway Center terrace. With about 725 students attending, the smiling faces, informational displays and free food found at the 65 organization tables kept the interest of the sweat-soaked masses. But the weather did take its toll.

"We were distinctly not loving it," said senior Aryeh Lax, who as an Alaskan native was still not used to the Midwest's weather. "Other than that, it had been great."

Some tending the booths came prepared. Tau Kappa Epsilon

New choices
and faces
made the fair
come to life.

by Ryan Murphy

brought water to share. Chemistry Club members always drew attention with their liquid nitrogen ice cream. It was a cool treat, and the mist rolling out of the tub holding the freezing liquid made for an interesting display.

Other groups just did everything they could to draw attention. Crazy Cart Club had a member riding around on a minicart. Cognitive Neural Science Research Group members shouted the benefits of their group, along with the threat of having candy tossed at them.

"See, the yelling worked," junior Matthew Bryan said after some students took the bait.

A giant inflatable human Foosball game sponsored by United Caring Services was set up so anyone could have a little childish fun. The thrill-seekers sidestepped and kicked their way to victory as friends watched, cheering at every goal and sneering at every block.

As SGA vice president, junior Jalen Lee went from table to table, checking on fair goers and making sure things were running smoothly, the excessive heat was still on everyone's mind.

"You can blame [assistant dean of students] Geoff Edwards," he said, laughing and wiping his brow.





They may not be Ben and Jerry, but juniors Matt Abele and Scott Grandy know how to make their own ice cream. The secret ingredient is just a bit of liquid nitrogen. | Kate Sarber

That's some tricky footwork. As life-sized Foosball players, freshmen Jual Vazquez, Mark Mozi-na, Grace Vavra, Natalie Christy and Joseph Wert stand ready while freshman Tyler Wintermute lunges for the ball. | Kate Sarber

As curious students walk past table after table, junior Megan King proudly represents the Leadership Academy and takes time to talk with those who are interested. | Kate Sarber

by Brittany McFadden & Sam Petitjean

We Bid You Welcome

As recruitment counselors yelled “go,” dozens of frantic hands tore through bid envelopes to discover which women they would soon refer to as sisters.

“I tried not to think about it, so I wasn’t super nervous,” said freshman Kat Walsh, who joined Alpha Omicron Pi. “My hands were shaking. We were so excited.”

With 93 women accepting bids, it was the days before those bids were extended that was a whirlwind of activity. Time was spent visiting each of the sorority suites, and actives and potential members alike put their best feet forward.

“It was such a crazy experience,” Walsh said. “It was really exciting, and I was really pumped to go to the suites.”

The point of the weeklong activities

was for everyone to get to know everyone else. But most agreed that Bid Day was the best day.

“They all made me feel so welcome, and I knew where I belonged,” said freshman Caroline Roberts, who pledged Zeta Tau Alpha.

Various things went through the minds of those who received a bid. Waiting was definitely the hardest part for everyone.

“It was like a big swirling, dizzying cloud of excitement, joy and love,” Roberts said. “It was like I knew I was actually coming home.”

About 300 women crowded Ridgeway Center lawn and terrace. It was clear why the event was a little overwhelming to some of the new members since each

group cheered, chanted and hugged one another while some cried. All sang songs and carried signs. Many took pictures that captured the memory.

Senior Rachel Davidson, a Chi Omega, said there was a little bit of every emotion in Bid Day and a lot of anticipation.

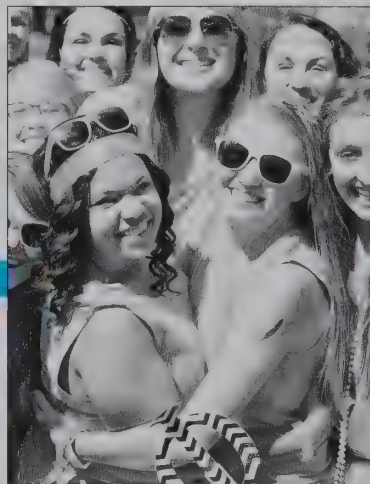
“It was a part of the excitement of Bid Day,” she said, “knowing that [new members would] impact your life just as much as you would theirs.”

After the excitement on the lawn and terrace died down, each sorority made its way to another location to continue the traditions of Bid Day behind closed doors.

“Being in a sorority is a commitment, but it was worth it, and I felt like I found a new family at UE,” Walsh said.



Sophomore Erin Parra embraces freshman Chelsea Gaddis as she welcomes her into Phi Mu. | Justin Spellman.



Juniors Alex Burns and Kourtney Carpenter and senior Devon Nicely enjoy the day with other Phi Mus. | Justin Spellman



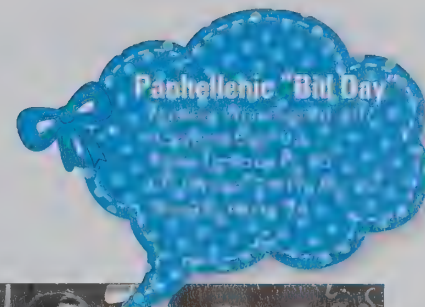
Junior Janelle Gore gives a shout out to her Chi Omega sisters. | Kate Sarber





It was a palpable excitement of Bid Day, knowing that [new members would] impact your life just as much as you would theirs.

Bid Day is always a day filled with lots and lots of hugs. Juniors Elizabeth Mendes and Brianna Nichols give a warm Zeta Tau Alpha welcome to freshman Megan Gemmel. | Monica Morales



Panhellenic "Bid Day"

Friday, September 11, 11:00
 at Chi Omega Chapter House
 1200 University Ave.
 University Park, PA 16802



Senior Jaclyn Altstadt, juniors Lynnette Whitsitt, Georgie Davidson and Olivia Buttermann and sophomore Caitlin Day get ready to welcome new sisters to Chi Omega. | Kate Sarber



Juniors Taylor Davidson and Samantha Peery march along with their Alpha Omicron Pi sisters. | Kate Sarber

Getting everyone pumped up, junior Rianna Hansen and senior Karly Lieske send a cheer in the direction of their Chi Omega sisters. | Justin Spellman

It's a hugged-filled day for juniors McKenna Ceci and Abbey Stautzenberger as they celebrate new members for Alpha Omicron Pi. | Monica Morales

Sophomore Taylor Rodgers, juniors Morgan Jennings and Jessa Gargan and senior Charlotte Lechner get their dance on as they wait for new Alpha Omicron Pis. | Kate Sarber

Seniors Austin Kuhl, Fabricio Rodezno and Riley Mayr and graduate student Nathan Kampwerth prepare to catch a pledge. | Kate Sarber

It looks easy as seniors Cameron Wickes, Ethan O'Rourke and Reid Mobley and junior Matt Childress sail a new brother over their arms. | Kate Sarber



And they wait. Senior Corey Piel, along with senior Jack Andrew, juniors Tyler Madden and Samer Ghatta and sophomore Briggs Woolley, gets ready to welcome a new Phi Gamma Delta. | Kate Sarber

Hefting him into the air and over his body, senior Will Johns passes sophomore Patrick Berry into the arms of his Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers. | Kate Sarber

Waiting for the newest Phi Kappa Tau to exit the doors, sophomore Zach Belford and alumnus Marco Butturi get rowdy as they wait to accept another brother while junior Matthew Smith waits for a new Phi Gamma Delta. | Kate Sarber





by Mackenzie Bruce

worth the WET WAIT

Usually rain and chilly weather dampen the spirit of an event — but not Passover. Despite the day's lingering rain, the chanting of the five fraternities echoed throughout campus as the chapters got ready to celebrate their new members.

There was a prolonged sense of anticipation since recruitment was pushed from September to mid-October. The forecast had threatened to dampen those painted from head to toe in their fraternity's colors. But it didn't seem to matter. The men still got riled up and loud as they waited for the pledges to appear on the School of Business Administration patio.

New members were impatient, too, as chants of "bring them out!" echoed outside SOBA while the hopeful opened bids.

"I had rushed with one chapter in mind," sophomore Riley Maynor said of his own Passover. "I knew deep in my heart where I was going to go. I was more anxious to join the organization I had spent so much time with."

While each fraternity cheered its own new members, Greeks knew Passover was really about everyone. As pledges ran out, dressed in raggedy suits and too-short ties, everyone cheered as they watched them run and jump into the outstretched arms of their new brothers.

"The way I kind of interpreted it was like a rebirth of your new family," said freshman Joe Galbraith, who joined Lambda Chi Alpha. "Everyone was really excited to push us through and make sure we got that experience, and I see why now. It was nothing but happiness."

Voices hoarse from cheering, the men accepted their recruits and then left for their individual houses to continue celebrating. Despite the long recruitment period, there was nothing like being passed over.

"There were thoughts of, 'Am I going to hit the concrete?'" Maynor said. "And those were overwhelmed by pure adrenaline and joy of finding the home I was going to be with. It was something not a lot of words could describe."



The Homecoming carnival broke the stereotype that inflatables are just for youngsters. Senior Korey Brock took advantage of this, going into the obstacle course with determination but tumbling out every time. | Chelsea Blanton



by Mackenzie Bruce

once an Ace ALWAYS AN Ace

Revamped and back in action, Homecoming took over an entire September weekend and included more of UE's community than ever before. On top of the move to include soccer, Family Weekend fused with the festivities, and students, alumni and parents all got the chance to see exactly what it meant to be "Forever Purple."

"Some of us had been here for years and some for a month," senior Jessa Ward said, "but we all felt as if this campus was a home away from home."

Although the weekend was full of different activities, from alumni mixers and organization events to campus tours and lectures, the biggest had to be the carnival and tailgate.

The carnival, sponsored by SAB and Alumni and Parent Relations, took over Ridgway Center lawn and terrace. As the smell of popcorn and corndogs spread, people mingled and took advantage of the childlike atmosphere. Many couldn't help but notice the differences from past years and showed off their school spirit.

"Seeing parents at the soccer games and alumni back on campus, it was cool that they were there to share Homecoming with current students," senior Sarah Cheatham said. "That wouldn't have happened before."

While there were plenty of people to visit with, the most difficult thing was choosing which activity to do first. Stu-



Races don't necessarily always have a winner, at least not when it's between junior Colleen Malo and sophomore Josh Baty. Instead, it ends with two hysterical students in a pile with their squishy horses. | Chelsea Blanton

Just a hop, skip and jump away from the finish line, freshman Jennie Nguyen rushes out of the gate to beat her opponent and win the inflatable horse race. | Natalie Christy

Tasty cotton candy. Sophomores Nathan Thomas and Dan Myhre are impressed by exchange student Rahema Obadid as she rolls the sugary confection. | Justin Spellman

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a cornhole bag! Following through with his throw, junior Alex Elger tries to hit his mark and send the bag through the hole. | Natalie Christy

dent organizations sponsored different carnival games, and it wasn't just the Greeks hosting the games. Groups like the Society of Physics Students teamed up with Phi Mu, while Student Publications and RSA ran the oversized photo chair.

"It allowed me to see different people on campus than you normally saw," Ward said. "You saw people with their families and people that returned and saw how UE impacted them enough to return."

Even President Tom Kazee and his wife, Sharon, took part as more people arrived clad in purple. Some raced the derby horses, others tested their pitching arm at the dunking booth and even more raced across the obstacle course. No matter

the activity, everyone seemed to revel in the festival fun.

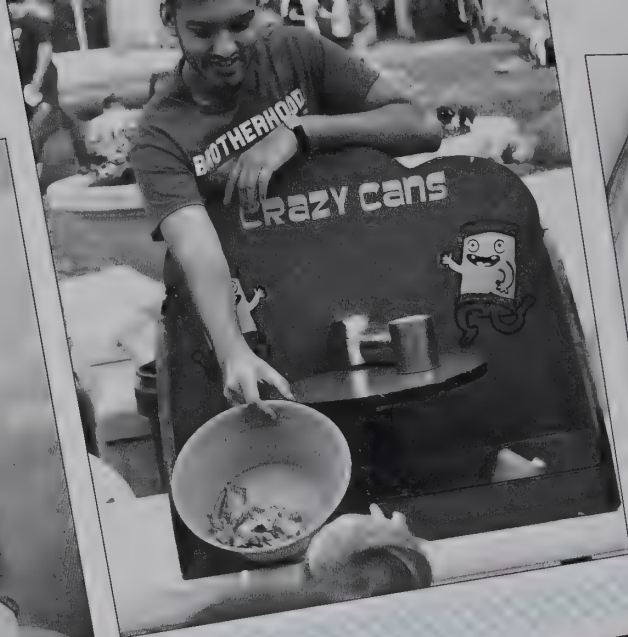
"I really hoped [the involvement] lasted throughout the rest of the year," junior Kristen Buhrmann said. "It got people excited to see everyone active."

The carnival spilled over into McCutchan Stadium for the soccer games. While the women's game ended in a double overtime tie against Loyola, the men fell to Drake 3-1. But with a full house and fireworks on the way, everyone's energy remained high. Although Homecoming had traditionally been celebrated during basketball season, most students enjoyed the switch. With friends or siblings in tow, students could gather easily to cheer on the Aces.

"We were like, 'A-ha, in your face, tradition,'" Cheatham said. "We do our own thing at UE."

At halftime, senior Robbie Graninger and Cheatham were named Mr. and Miss UE. But it was the show after the game everyone looked forward to. As a spectacular display of light and color illuminated the sky, students and families alike oohed and ah-ed. It was a perfect end to a spirited weekend.

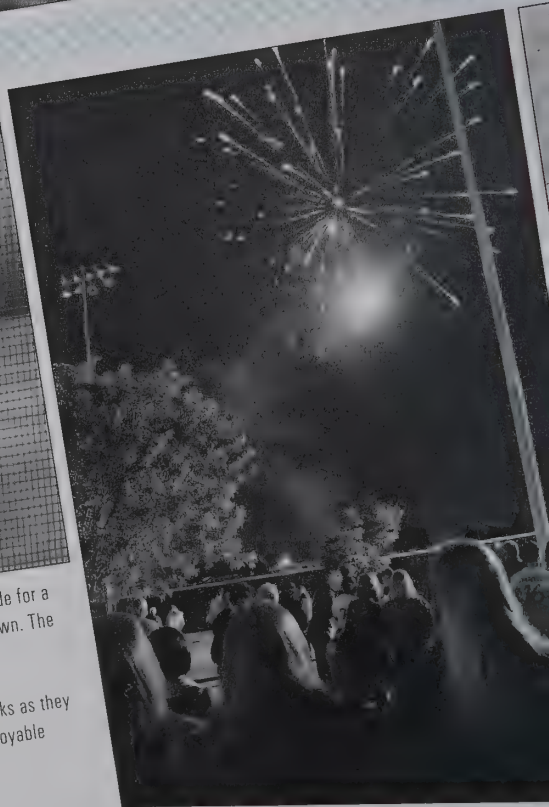
"For me, it was just the connection you have with UE after you graduate," Cheatham said of the "Forever Purple" theme. "Whether you stayed in Evansville or went across the pond to England. Knowing you were always a part of campus and had a place here."



With the first-ever Homecoming carnival going on around them, juniors Tiffany Sansone and Kristen Buhrmann hang out at the Phi Mu booth, handing out corndogs to all who want to try the tasty treat. | Chelsea Blanton



Once the bounce house cleared, senior Justine Moore leaps inside for a chance at her own fun. It's not so much the jumping she has down. The falling? She seems like a pro. | Chelsea Blanton



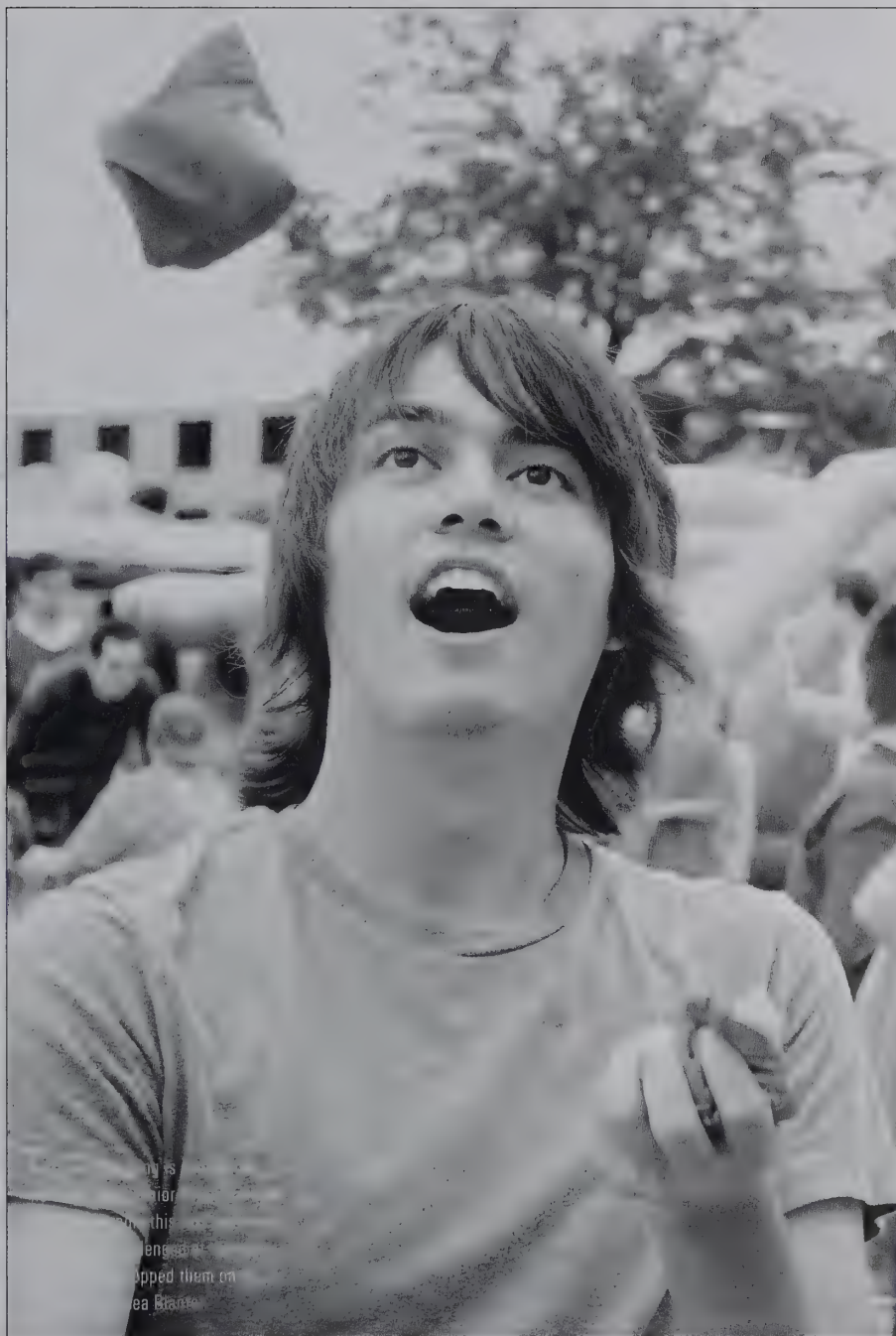
While they didn't last long, everyone seems to like the fireworks as they light up the clear September night sky and bring the day's enjoyable events to a close. | Kate Sarber



Having a splash-splash of a good time inside the dunk tank, junior Jalen Lee cools off as people throw balls at a target to knock him off his bench and into the cold water. | Natalie Christy



Glancing upward to see if she made it to the top this time, junior Kerilynn Pitocco wants to hit the puck hard enough to ring the bell. | Natalie Christy



It is all about having fun. Senior Dimi Mayorga shows this as she tries to ride one of the derby horses. She may have lost the race, but there is no doubt she had fun doing it. | Chelsea Blanton

Much easier than taking candy from a baby, sophomore Humza Khan mans the Crazy Cans game for Phi Kappa Tau and rewards a visiting child who knocked down the right number of cans. | Natalie Christy

A race between siblings is always fun to watch. Freshman Lainey Franklin comes down the slide with a victorious smile after pulling ahead of her sister, junior Marah, at the carnival. | Chelsea Blanton



There is nothing quite like good ol' sibling rivalry. While Olivia Cyr carefully tosses the beanbag during her turn in the brother vs. sister game of cornhole, freshman Devin Cyr waits his turn. | Natalie Christy

Commemorating their fun at the International Bazaar, freshman Shangshang Yao, Mohammed Alshehhi, Unique Shrestha and Ishan Bhattarai take a photo in their traditional garb. | Kate Sarber

After their dance performance, juniors Fran Prexl and Dani Fuentes and exchange student Ana Arantes proudly wave the flags of their home countries at the audience. | Kate Sarber

With beautiful pictures of Syrian landscapes strung above him, sophomore Noor Alsirafi translates a student's name into Arabic. | Kate Sarber

With a steady hand, sophomore Bushra Ahmed slowly uses henna to draw intricate designs on sophomore Casey Perrine's hand. | Kate Sarber

Performing with a group of other students, freshman Aisha Mohammed shows off her moves in the choreographed dance. | Kate Sarber



WALKING IN THE WORLD'S SHOES



Endless lines, swarms of people and the aroma of food filtering through the air welcomed everyone to the 29th annual International Bazaar.

Learning about other cultures was a worldwide phenomenon, but with UE's diversity, things were kicked up a notch. From dance and musical performances to the shoes and other decorations showcased throughout Ridgway Center and Eykamp Hall, the joining of more than 30 countries was a happy occasion.

Students represented their countries proudly and passersby found it fun to experience a culture not their own.

"It was amazing," exchange student Luiz Franca said. "It was a lot of work before the bazaar, but seeing everything together and the people enjoying it was awesome."

International Club was always busy organizing activities and get-togethers for its members. But for bazaar, the group included everyone and partnered with Soles4Souls, a charity dedicated to eliminating global poverty. The charity had delivered more than 22 million pairs of shoes to people in more than 127 countries. After the bazaar, Soles benefited from a \$2,000 donation.

"Shoes were such a common thing," sophomore Amanda Alexander said, "and each country had a different shoe that rep-

resented a different aspect of their culture."

International students were proud to share with others their enriching traditions. Cafe Court became home to food from around the world. Whether someone was hungry for empanadas, yakisoba noodles, chicken satay or baklava, everyone discovered something they enjoyed.

The Oman booth offered a sample of halwa, a combination of dates, nuts, sugar, water and various spices.

"It was traditionally eaten with coffee to kill the sweetness," sophomore Azza AlBarwani said.

Freshmen David Ibeneme and Aisha Tijjani were eager to share the traditions of Nigeria, their native country.

"There are more than 500 languages in Nigeria alone, however, English is the native language," Ibeneme said.

Japanese students wrapped up the three-hour event with the final dance performance. Intensive English student Yuya Nishikawa led the group as the crowd clapped along.

"Teaching the dance moves to everyone was difficult, but it was fun," he said.

With UE's rich cultural education, it was no wonder the event was well attended and enjoyed by so many.

"You got to travel around the world without leaving the room," Alexander said.



by Michelle Nussdorfer

CUE THE LIGHTS AND GRAB YOUR SKATES

As twinkling lights brightened the night, a purple-clad Santa could be heard wishing a Merry Christmas to all, and for all it was a good night full of holiday fun.

SAB's "Christmas on Campus" was much larger this year, with all sorts of activities sponsored by various organizations all going on at once around campus. Students jumped from place to place to grab kettle corn, snap pictures and ice-skate with friends.

"I liked it a lot," senior Eunice De La Torra said. "It was nice to have a small campus where things were close together, but not too crowded."

For those who shied away from the chilly temperature outside, Ridgway Center was warm and buzzing with activity. Student Alumni Ambassadors sponsored a visit with Purple Santa, which was a big hit with families and students. As people lined up to get their picture with the jolly ol' man himself, a band playing in the gameroom near Jazzman's Cafe had students singing along to Christmas classics while others crafted their own ornaments.

Even though it wasn't as cold outside as normal, there was no loss of Christmas spirit. A huge inflatable snow-globe loomed in front of Bower-Suhrheinrich Library. Students posed for pictures in front of it showing off their ugly holiday sweaters but distant disco music soon drew their attention to a makeshift ice rink in Memorial Plaza.

Sore knees and butts showed that the rink's polymer was just as effective as real ice. Twirling rainbow

lights decorated the plaza and many students watched others grab their skates and zoom across the small rink. Donning a festive red Santa hat, junior Alyssa Murphy took to the ice like a pro while more cautious skaters held onto friends for dear life.

"I liked the ice-skating because it was nice to see people trying it out and laughing and having a good time," senior Dimi Mayorga said.

Festivities took a brief pause for the annual Vespers service in Neu Chapel. With candles in hand, students and families came together to worship and sing Christmas hymns. After the service, students gathered outside Graves Hall to watch President Tom Kazee flick a giant, cardboard switch that magically turned on the lights of UE's own Christmas tree. The crowd sang "O Christmas Tree" before rejoining the rest of the evening's planned activities.

Hot chocolate and cookies in the library brightened everyone's spirits and concluded the evening on a sweet note. Although the horse-drawn carriage rides were a no show, students passing by Ridgway were surprised to find them a day later.

Bringing all the activities together for one big event drew students out of their residence halls and study spaces to be part of the Christmas fun. From festive music to holiday crafts to ice-skating, everyone found something about the night to enjoy.

"The bigger it was, the more successful it was and the more stuff we could have next year," Mayorga said.



You're never too old to sit on Santa's lap, at least not at UE. Juniors Wade Mobley and Rianna Hansen rush to the front of the line to have their picture taken with Purple Santa (the Rev. Mitch Gieselman). | Chelsea Blanton

All decked out in holiday garb and posing as the secret agents from "Charlie's Angels," freshmen Kayla Penister and Abbi Weaver and junior Ashley Kippely get their picture taken in front of the humongous snow globe. | Natalie Christy

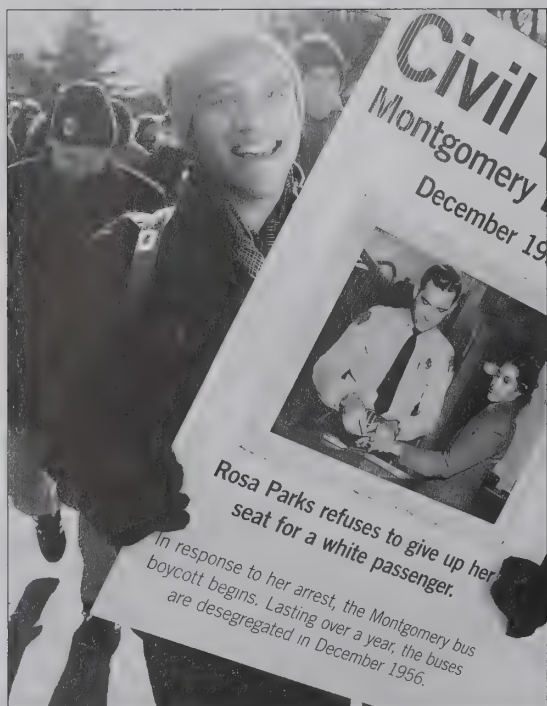
Wobbling across the makeshift ice rink, junior Ryan Lane valiantly tries to ice skate with junior Alyssa Murphy, much to her amusement and delight. | Kate Sarber





Rocking winter scarves and ugly brown ice skates, senior Shelby Henderson and junior Carrie Shea balance on the faux ice that covers Memorial Plaza, wondering which of the two will fall first. | Natalie Christy

As "Silent Night" echoes from the balcony, senior Jessica Lord and freshman Victoria Bosze pass on their flames to light everyone's candles at the end of Vespers in Neu Chapel. | Kate Sarber



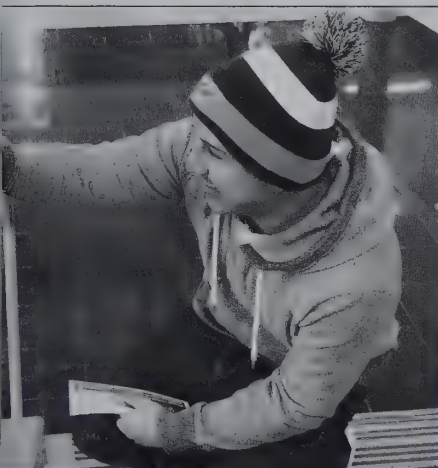
More than 60 years after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Ala., bus, senior Adam Anthony displays the activist's place in history during the re-enactment march. | Taylor Williams



by Michelle Nussdorfer

PLEDGING PEACE

TO CREATE A BETTER FUTURE



40-day peace pledges are given a place of honor. Senior Felipe Arterez tapes each one to the main staircase in Ridgway Center for everyone to see. | Taylor Williams

With more people participating in the march this year despite the weather, senior Miah Washington, sophomore Elizabeth Perkins and senior Ashley Leroy are all bundled up as they lead the walkers down Walnut carrying the UE banner. | Taylor Williams

Students honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s memory by signing the 40-day peace pledge. Sophomore Kenyia Johnson makes her pledge alongside others in Ridgway Center. | Taylor Williams

Carrying the peace sign, freshmen Adrienne Gamester provides the message of the day as she walks with freshman Kristen Myers in the annual march re-enactment. | Chelsea Blanton

Students weren't fooled by the sunshine as they stepped outside into the bitter cold for UE's 28th annual Civil Rights March on Washington re-enactment. This march and other Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities served as reminders of the past and were meant to get students thinking about the future.

"History repeated itself all the time," senior Ashley Leroy said. "If you didn't know your history, how were you supposed to know where you were going?"

Covered from head to toe, it was at times difficult for students to embrace the significance of the day in such unforgiving weather. But the number of people who did turn out was inspiring.

"It was a good feeling to see all that purple," senior Miah Washington said. "It showed the campus uniting for a good cause."

Marchers were more than relieved to get inside when their route circled back to Ridgway Center. Everyone eagerly lined up for the free hot cocoa while others also opted to sit down and watch a projected display of King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

Event planners also created the opportunity for people to commit to a 40-day peace pledge. Students focused on how their individual actions affected the people around them and thought of attainable ways to make peace with others.

Some wrote pledges about increasing awareness, while others wrote simpler notes telling themselves to be kinder. Leroy hoped students would come to

understand their role in creating a peaceful world

"Before you demanded a change you had to be a change," she said. "Action needed to be behind the words."

The day's events were meant to make students think. Senior Adam Anthony emphasized that stepping out of one's comfort zone while in college was really important for growth. Courageous conversation became a central theme as students were encouraged to come together in discussion and become comfortable talking about issues of race.

"It was no secret that UE was a predominantly white school, and without that exposure to other cultures, it made students afraid to ask questions," Leroy said. "I'd rather you asked me a question than just let it slide. It helped people become more culturally aware."

From a historical re-enactment to pledges of initiating peace, MLK Day was meant to get students involved and to help them understand the day's significance. Actions taken more than 50 years ago raised a challenge on UE's campus — for students to take responsibility and not to be afraid.

"These events were not just to remember MLK," Anthony said. "It was a time to initiate what needed to happen for this campus — a time to wake yourself up and speak out about any ideas you had about the justice system. We weren't going to be silent or accept that there wasn't work to be done."



by Brittany McFadden & Korrin Williams

DANCING THE NIGHTS AWAY

Even if students couldn't bust a move, no one really cared and everyone attended just to have a good time. That was what RSA's "Halloween Bash" and "Winter Whispers" dances were all about. Each served as a way for students to relax and unwind when semesters seemed to drag on.

"At that point the students had gotten into the groove [of the semester]," senior Ben Potts said, "and Halloween was a great time to do something for the students."

RSA wanted to show students that the group was more than just attending meetings — it was there to represent students and support positive campus experiences. With free events like these, everyone had the opportunity to hang out with friends or meet new people.

The addition of each dance falling on a holiday this year made them all the more fun. "Bash" brought creepiness to life in Eykamp Hall, with an atmosphere fit for a black widow ball. Snacks like gummy worm-covered pudding matched the theme, and the cobwebs and drifting fog completed the eerie mood.

"It was supposed to be mysterious and elegant like a black widow and her spider web," freshman Abbi Weaver said.

Ninja turtle and Crayola crayon costumes were replaced by bowties and

dressy gowns for "Whispers," and no one failed to dance their hearts out. The dance fell on Valentine's Day weekend, and this time around, Eykamp glittered in an icy wonderland of snowflake tablecloths, icicle centerpieces and strobe lights to set the scene and keep the beat up.

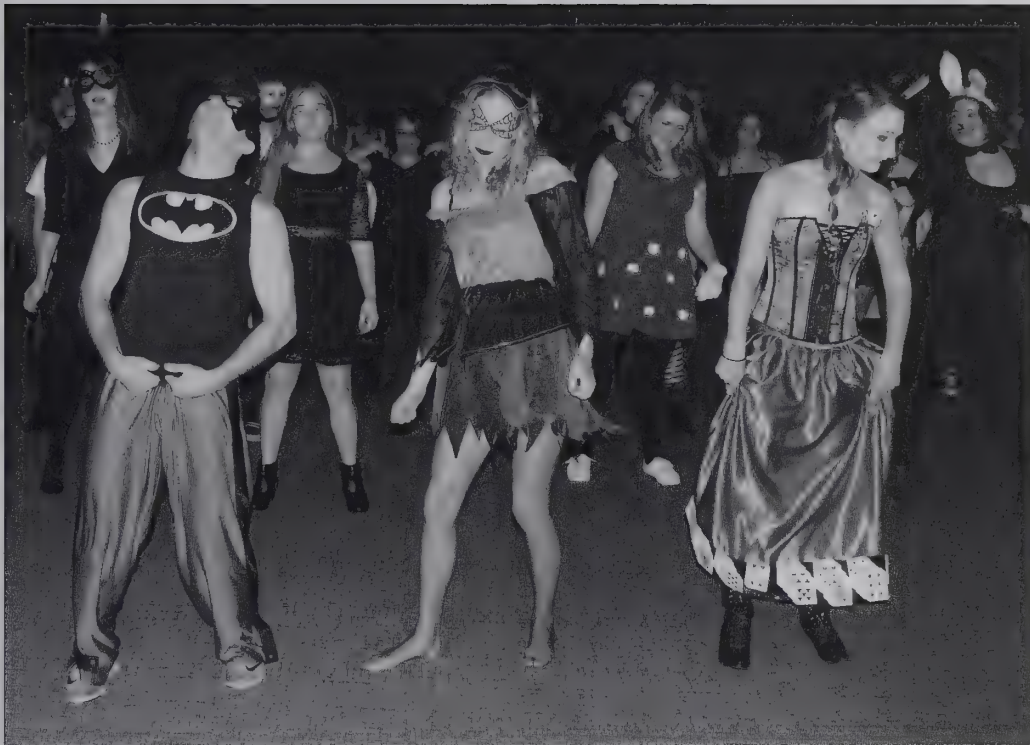
Unlike past years, RSA partnered with SAB to present a performance of the Boston-based a cappella group, Ball in the House. The audience watched in awe as the five-man group performed their renditions of classic love songs. Without the use of a single instrument, their unified sound made everyone sway in their seats.

"The a cappella group was amazing," freshman Arthur Lorente said. "I would not get the bassist's pitch even if I had an electric bass. And the dance afterwards was nice, a good opportunity to meet fellow students and have some fun."

With each dance falling mid-semester, RSA provided an easy getaway from the strains of courses, homework and life in general. Students dressed up, grabbed some friends and danced the night away — which was RSA's goal.

"It was bettering the residential experience all over campus," sophomore Miranda Nelson said, "making connections and better socially engaging students."





After adding flowers to their costumes, sophomores Sarah Pfeiderer and McKayla Hochstetler dress as a fawn and a sugar skull for "Halloween Bash." | Kate Sarber

Freshmen Logan Huddleston, Kaylee Gubricky, Abigail Miles and others line dance to Cupid's "Cupid Shuffle" at "Halloween Bash." | Kate Sarber

"It felt awkward to not pose!" Sophomore Miranda Nelson notices the camera while checking students in at "Winter Whispers." | Chelsea Blanton

Juniors Liz Johnson and Mikayla Sullivan take over the photo booth with seniors Sara Cook and Sharon Cuba at "Winter Whispers." | Chelsea Blanton

Senior Sarah Cheatham surprises junior Sierra Miller and freshman Abigail Burnett when she joins their dance party at "Halloween Bash." | Kate Sarber



fantabulous and totally '80s

by Magda Sokalski

hile the '80s were way before students' time, the movies and music of that decade were still very much present in the lives of students.

With films about friendship and living life to the fullest, there was no better way for Musical Madness to showcase what UE was all about.

Performances also wove UE life into the era's music, with lyrics cleverly changed to reflect campus life.

"I knew it was going to be fun because '80s music is so much fun," junior Cindy White said.

The usual Madness' jokes returned, mocking Sodexo, USI and the squirrels that roamed campus. The audience understood and laughed as they watched their friends sing and dance on stage.

Everyone had a favorite, but the audience really seemed to enjoy when the Chi Omega, Phi Gamma Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha team mixed it up as the group transformed Madonna's "Like a Virgin" into "Like a Freshman."

Chi O, FIJI and LXA's skit, "The

Inconceivable Love Affair," resulted in a lot of laughter as they did a parody of 1987's "The Princess Bride" and won the competition.

"A lot of my best friends were up there so it was awesome seeing them do so well," White said. "I felt like a proud mama."

The night ended with senior Katherine Eckert from Alpha Omicron Pi and junior Andrew Stewart from Phi Kappa Tau receiving the best actor awards. Junior Nathan Wallisch and White were named best directors and Phi Tau and AOPi received the crowd pleaser award.

"It was fun seeing people do things they wouldn't have done normally," Wallisch said.

Madness raised \$3,000 for Youth One, an organization that offered services to local children.

"I think it was something different than what usually happened on campus," junior Jamie Kowalczyk said. "It was a way for groups who wouldn't normally interact to interact."





Juniors John East and Mark Murillo, senior Pete Stremming, sophomore Noah Gingerich and freshmen Shaun Vilardo and Daniel Stewart make a huddle during the Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta and Chi Omega skit. | MaKayla Seifert



Freshman Morgan Spitzer, senior Rachel Lane, junior Katlyn Thompson and sophomore Kindrea Wilson strike a pose during the Alpha Omicron Pi and Phi Kappa Tau. | Troy Burger



As senior Kaylynn Carver looks on, senior Eunice De La Torre lays down the law in the Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Mu and Sigma Alpha Iota skit based on 1985's "The Breakfast Club." | Taylor Williams

Seniors Charlie Matias and Stuart Watson sing about trying to get a free meal during the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Zeta Tau Alpha and UE Music Therapy Association skit. | MaKayla Seifert

Freshman Kianna Wong and senior Jack Andrew get giant during the Chi Omega, Phi Gamma Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha skit. | Troy Burger





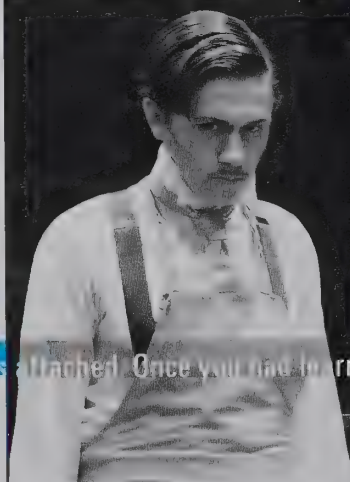
Duke of Buckingham (junior Sam Schanwald) and Sir Richard Ratcliffe (senior Taylor Jones) discuss the coronation in "Richard III." | Taylor Williams



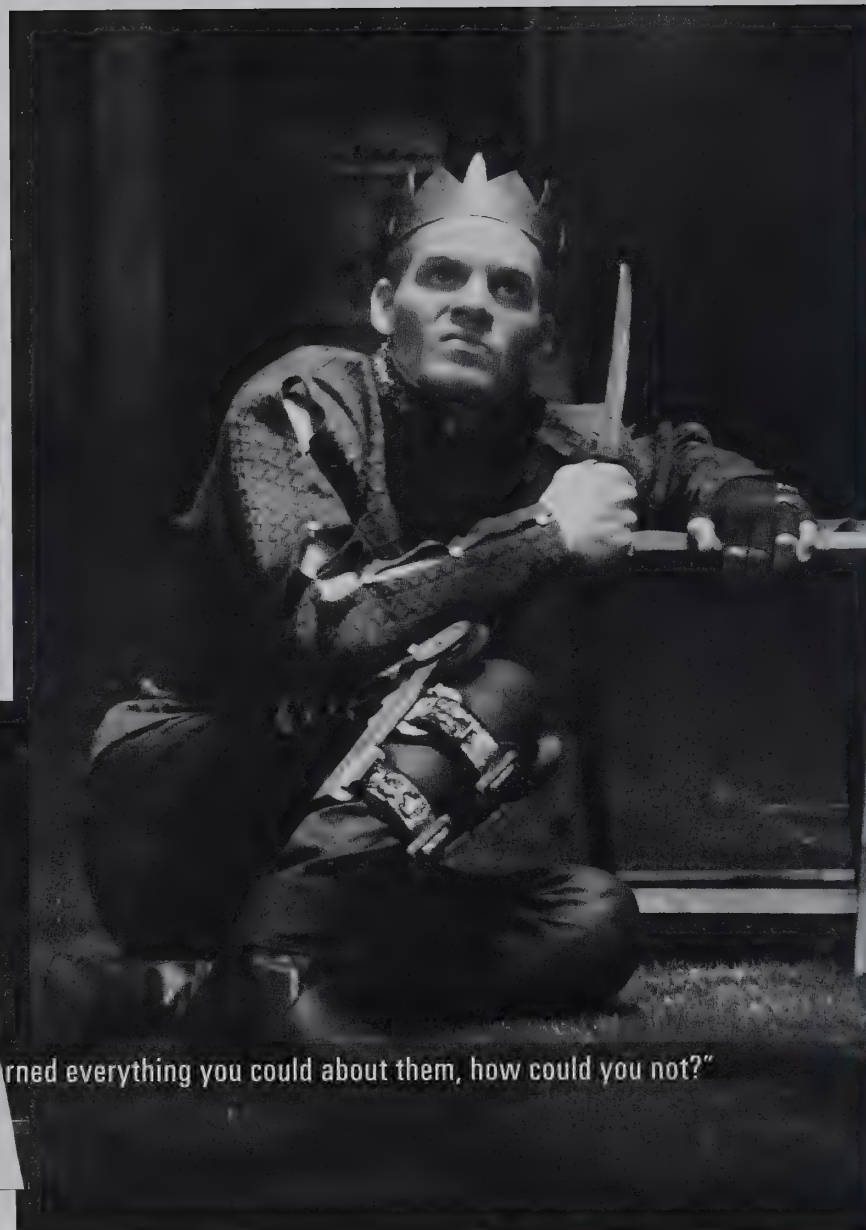
Karl the Giant (junior Cody Vann) looks on as the villagers attack in "Big Fish." | Monica Morales

Mr. Davenport (sophomore Jacob Sellers) is in deep thought in "Lily Dale." | Taylor Williams

The night before the battle of Bosworth, King Richard III (junior Kit Bulla) faces his family and the subjects he murdered in an eye-opening and restless dream in "Richard III." | Taylor Williams



Miller (junior Kit Bulla) and Dee (senior Samie Johnson) are energy-filled after snowboarding in "The Royal Society of Antarctica." | Kate Sarber



"I didn't think I would get this attached. Once you had learned everything you could about them, how could you not?"

by Mackenzie Bruce

Character Connection



From sinister plots to over-the-top musicals, UE Theatre always put on fascinating productions. This year was no different as shows allowed audiences to fall in love — or loathe — with captivating characters and their stories.

Four amazing productions were staged, and though vastly different, they brought audiences, casts and crews together. The season opened with “The Royal Society of Antarctica,” captivating audiences and actors alike with the story of youth and life.

“Dee is 23 and that was very alarming, feeling you didn’t fit in the world,” senior Samie Johnson said. “I felt like I had been handed this objective way to look into my own life.”

For many, the connection to a charac-

ter proved the most important part of the experience. Catchy musical numbers and bright costumes shone during “Big Fish,” but it was the heart-warming stories that brought out everyone’s inner storyteller.

“Everyone tells stories, but for different reasons,” junior Kendall Reasons said. “We didn’t want the audience to get swept away. It was better that they invested themselves in Edward. That was way more important than the story.”

The darker side was present as both “Lily Dale” and “Richard III” featured menacing characters and challenging themes. But a connection could still be found, even lurking in the shadows.

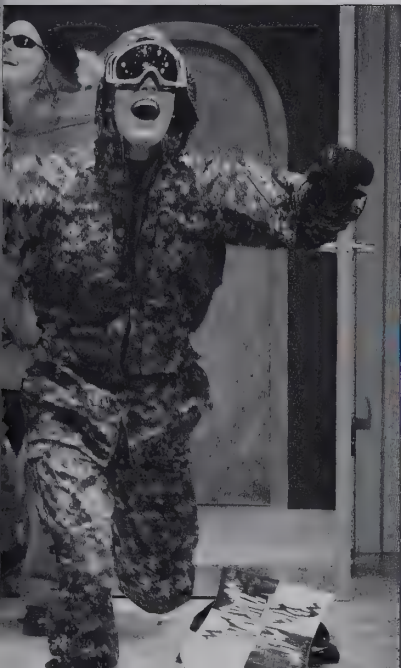
“Lily Dale was so like me but had aspects of me that I didn’t like,” junior Demi

Davis said. “She’s scared of the gray and all the big things in life. It was difficult for me to open up to that.”

Even more difficult was the task of opening up to a villain. As junior Kit Bulla limped across the dark stage as Richard III, he announced a murderous plot. Yet audiences eagerly followed the masterpiece through bloodletting and battles.

Each production brought thought-provoking connection to its story and characters — once again proving how easy it was to get swept up in the life of the stage.

“I never realized how attached I got to the characters,” Reasons said. “I didn’t think I would get this attached. Once you had learned everything you could about them, how could you not?”



In a scene from “Big Fish,” Edward Bloom (senior Taylor Jones) shows his love for Sandra (junior McKenna Ceci). | Monica Morales

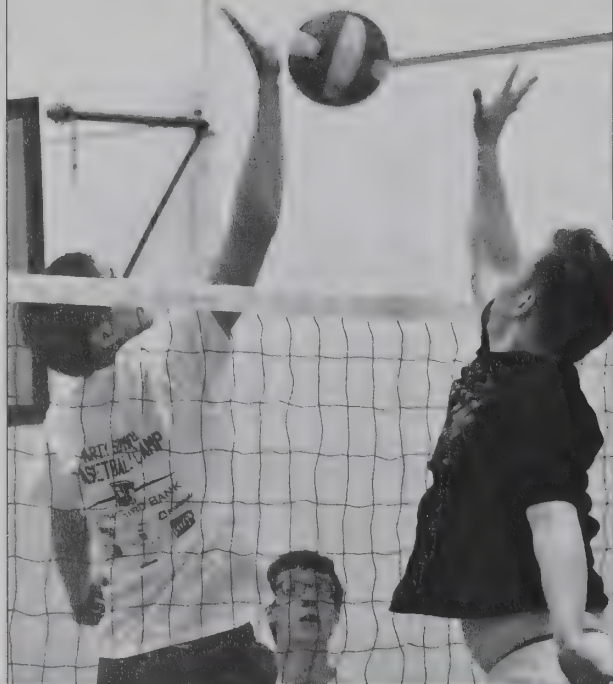


Overcome with grief, Queen Elizabeth (junior Rachel Woods) and the Duchess of York (senior Samie Johnson) take to the church to pray for their lost love ones in “Richard III.” | Taylor Williams



With no luck, UT Tom (senior Dylan Crow) tries to get Pam (senior Devin Flucker) to go inside with him in a scene from “The Royal Society of Antarctica.” | Kate Sarber

Struggling to cope, Lily Dale (junior Demi Davis) holds Horace (junior Nate DeCook) in “Lily Dale.” | Taylor Williams



In the final moments of the game, senior Kirk Holden of Third Time's a Charm and sophomore Jakob Bury of Uh-Oh Oreo leap into the air as junior Alex Conn watches to see who scores. | Chelsea Blanton

Going for the basket, senior Ryan Lasley of Dunkin Bronuts tries to tie the score while senior Justin Carey of Knewtsackie reaches for the steal. In the background, senior Will Patzke fights off sophomore Erich Hopf with a splash. | Taylor Williams

Both determined to control the ball, senior Pete Stremming of the Fiji Islanders runs to steal the ball from freshman Joe Galbraith of the 213 Brick Squad. | Natalie Christy



All Kinds of Fun

Competitive or not, IMs made your tension disappear.

by Magda Sokalski

College could be a stressful time with all those tests and mounds of homework. And while everyone had their own way of dealing with the anxiety that occasionally accompanied being in school, some students lowered their stress level by playing intramurals.

IMs got students out of their seats and moving about, got their adrenaline pumping and laughter going as they watched friends horrifically miss a shot or make a championship goal.

"They were fun, kept me active because sometimes I was really bad at going to the gym," graduate student Michaela Bortle said.

In all of the sports IMs offered, friendly jokes were always flung about while students ran across fields, tossed Frisbees or spiked vol-

leyballs. Floor hockey, a favorite, found voices echoing off the walls as teammates called for the puck that was being pelted from one end of the gym to the other.

"It was very aggressive, got some of the frustration out," graduate student Jessika Volz said. "It was fun to run up and down, trying to hit the puck."

Not all sports were quite that intense. Inner tube basketball had students floundering around in the pool, their limbs flaying as they tried to maneuver their inner tubes that seemed to constantly rotate. Yet regardless of the sport or intensity played, it momentarily got students away from their textbooks and with their friends.

"Usually it was a nice hour-long study break if I had a test, and if I didn't, it was something fun to do when I was bored," Bortle said.

In the end, IMs were more than just a mode of exercise, they were an excuse to ditch homework and hang out with friends — and maybe win a coveted IM championship T-shirt.

"I liked competition," Volz said. "I liked playing with a team, trying to win. It was a good time with good people."





Giving it everything she has during the women's race, junior Nicolette Junker, of Zeta Tau Alpha, pulls ahead of junior Lauren Crane, of Chi Omega, while zooming out of the turn and into the straightaway. | Troy Burger



by Michelle Nussdorfer & Magda Sokalski

partying like a **PURPLE** **ace**

Whether it was the music or the smell of popcorn that drew students out of their residence halls, SAB's Purple Palooza quickly became the hottest spot on campus that Friday night. As the end of the semester approached, study-wary students were ready for the chance to let loose — so SAB abandoned the tradition of Sunset Concert and opted instead for a spring weekend full of fun in the sun.

Along with the annual Bike Race, the new carnival-like Purple Palooza combined to make for an exciting weekend. Many came out to Ridgway Center lawn to socialize with friends over corndogs and snow cones, while thrill-seekers headed straight for the rock-wall and zip-line.

"I think it kind of appealed to everybody," junior Alanna Payne said. "If you didn't like heights you could go get snow cones or do 'Hippo Smash.'"

"Hippo Smash" had students reenacting Hasbro's "Hungry Hungry Hippos" game. They lunged for plastic colored balls while attached to a bungee cord, and the "Meltdown" machine had students facing off against a mechanical opponent. Those less eager for a smack in the face had just as much fun standing back and watching their friends get taken out by the machine's rotating extensions.

Students were excited to have a variety of free things to do, even if that meant just finding a good place to sit and lis-



Surrounded by the night's festivities, food and perfect weather, Tau Kappa Epsilon goes on a bro date. Taking his turn on the jump swing, sophomore Devin McGathey gleefully bounces around. | Kate Sarber

Getting tangled is just too funny to freshman Amy Smith as she gets all caught up in her harness when trying to do a backflip on the bungee jump. | Troy Burger

Building her courage as she steps off the platform, adrenaline fills sophomore Kasey Rein as she takes that leap of faith and zips to the safety of the ground. | Troy Burger

Free is always good. Sophomores Brooke Small and Elizabeth Daugherty picked up a Purple Palooza memento: their last names printed on a metal sign. | Taylor Williams

ten to the performance by Kristen Merlin, a finalist on NBC's "The Voice." What many students seemed to like best of all was that it took place on the lawn.

"[Palooza] was infinitely better than Sunset Concert because the concert only appealed to a certain genre of people," senior Anthony McDonald said. "[Palooza] was in the middle of everything, and you walked in, and you were like 'hey, I'm here, and this is actually kind of cool.'"

Whether or not students decided to spend the rest of the night celebrating, the fun times continued into Saturday. Blasting music and Greek cheers mixed with laughter of students lined against H-lot's chained fence for Bike Race. The

crowd was a rainbow of color from neon water bottles, be-dazzled signs and flower crowns.

"It was the one day where we got to feel like an actual big school and tailgate," junior Anna Loef said.

The women's race ended with Chi Omega Cardinals in first, followed by Chi O Straw and Alpha Omicron Pi.

"We kept so close to the Cardinal team, we were neck and neck the whole time, it was so much fun," sophomore Rachel Rabs said. "Everyone loved to come out and be competitive."

The sun was hot as noon approached, but people came flooding back as the men's race began. Sigma Phi Epsilon gained an early lead that riders kept throughout the race, and

their Sig Ep 1 team got their fifth consecutive victory. Sigma Alpha Epsilon's team placed second and Sig Ep A got third.

"I loved the competition of it, biking around, it was an easy thing to do," said senior Justin Carey of Sig Ep 1. "I think it was the show it put on; everyone came out to watch."

Students were reluctant to return to their schoolwork at the weekend's close, but despite some vicious sunburns, everyone had a good time.

"It was such a huge community event," junior Cassie Peterson said. "It got everyone to celebrate. It was just something unique that our campus does, something at the end of the semester to de-stress."



Closing in, senior Taylor Allen of Sigma Phi Epsilon chases down senior Matthew Roberts of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the lead during Bike Race. The two fraternities were neck and neck for most the race before Sig Ep pulled away. | Taylor Williams

Attacking the ball, freshman Hussain Alhaji goes for the point while senior Mustafa Alhashim tries to block. Freshman Hussain Alhashim and junior Ali Alhaji wait for the result. | Taylor Williams

Almost there! Making sure she has strong holds for her feet and hands, freshman Stephanie Smith makes rock climbing looks easy as she breezes her way up the wall to ring the buzzer. | Kate Sarber



It's like a trampoline and a swing all in one! Sophomore Brooke Small flies upward and floats in the air before gravity pulls her back down. | Kate Sarber



Trying an inflatable version of "Hungry Hungry Hippos," freshman Jake Rischer gathers as many balls as possible. | Kate Sarber

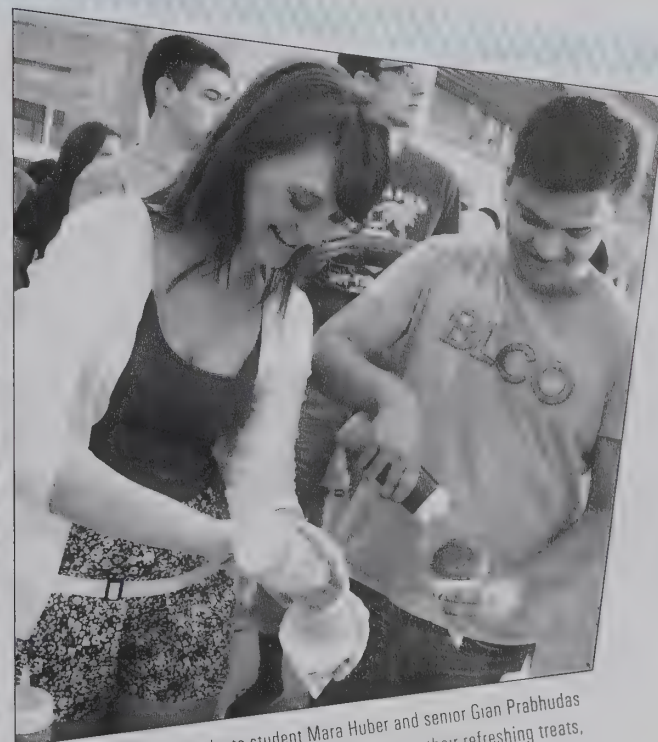


Watch out! This inflatable is like a circle of death as it knocks over students. Junior Ryan Lane is unfazed, leaping and ducking under the spinning arms every time they come back around. | Kate Sarber

Chi Omegas in the lead! Keeping her head down as stays ahead of her sister opponent, senior Rachel Davidson peddles fast to stay ahead of junior Riley Horlock. | Troy Burger

It's coming back around! Not able to get up fast enough, freshman Allie Winstead puts up her arm up to block the mechanical arm from pinning her to the platform. | Troy Burger

Fun and games? More like jump, duck and dive. Senior Devon Machowiak and freshman Jules Kendall try to escape the unrelenting wrath of their inflatable tormentor. | Chelsea Blanton



Watermelon or cherry? Graduate student Mara Huber and senior Gian Prabhudas already have that question answered. Ready to dive in to their refreshing treats, they quickly drench their snow cones in syrup. | Kate Sarber

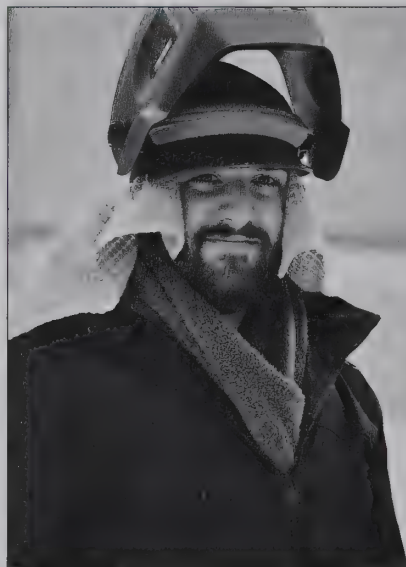
everyday LIFE

Day in and day out, life didn't change much. We studied, we ate, we socialized, we slept. But we certainly filled our time, and many times it was defined by the small, unplanned things we did. We liked spending time lounging in our dorms, taking road trips and procrastinating in spots all over campus. Others enjoyed meticulously

planning their days around their favorite organizations, scheduling fitness time and participating in activities that were somewhere between academic and extracurricular. Whether we filled our time with nothing but studying or a mix of everything else, we all knew **there's much more to everyday life.**



Working out requires focus. Senior Nathan Kampwerth proves this isn't a problem as he pushes himself to the limit in the Fitness Center. All it takes are some earbuds to block out the sweet sounds of the others singing Taylor Swift songs in the background. | Chelsea Blanton



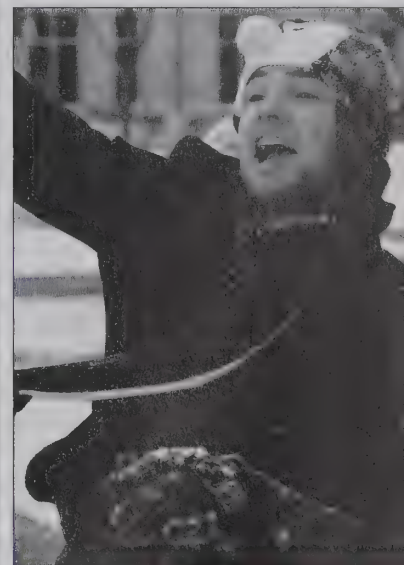
Most prepare for snowball fights with extra layers, but junior Michael Stairs steps it up, dominating the arena with his trusty face shield. | Chelsea Blanton



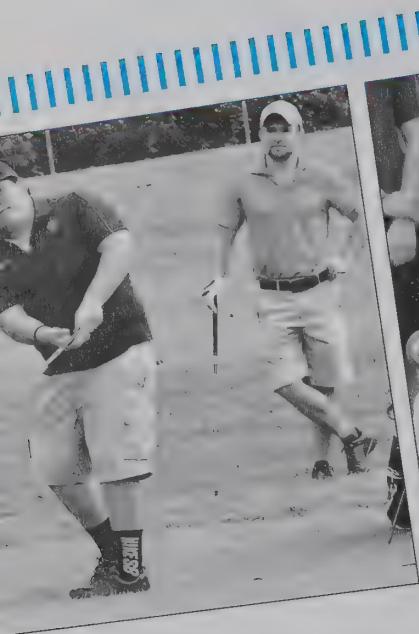
Some people hate Monday; others see it as just another day of the week. For sophomores Ryan DeHoff and Kelsey Henson, they're glad for the chance to relax after a long, long day and are definitely pleased that they get to spend some quality time together in Ridgway Center. | Natalie Christy



Carving good-looking pumpkins is no easy task. With a lot of skill and no pressure, exchange student Rahema Obaid, sophomore Chunyu Lin and juniors Andrea Onyett and Shangshang Yao delicately illustrate and cut their pumpkins during an International Club event. | Monica Morales



It's a great day for a snowball fight. Standing away from his friends, freshman Logan Hudleston throws from afar. | Troy Burger



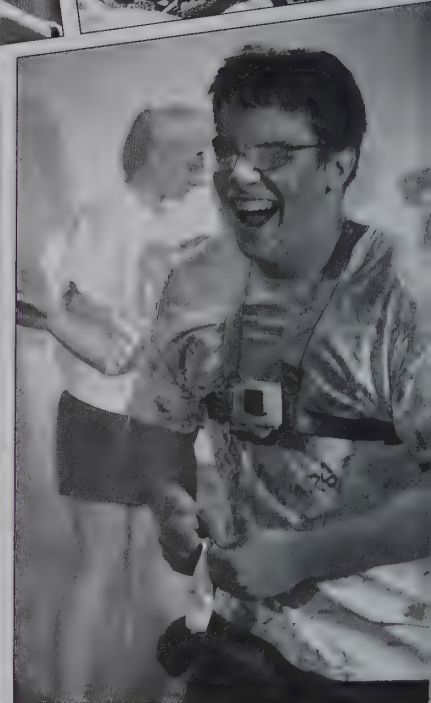
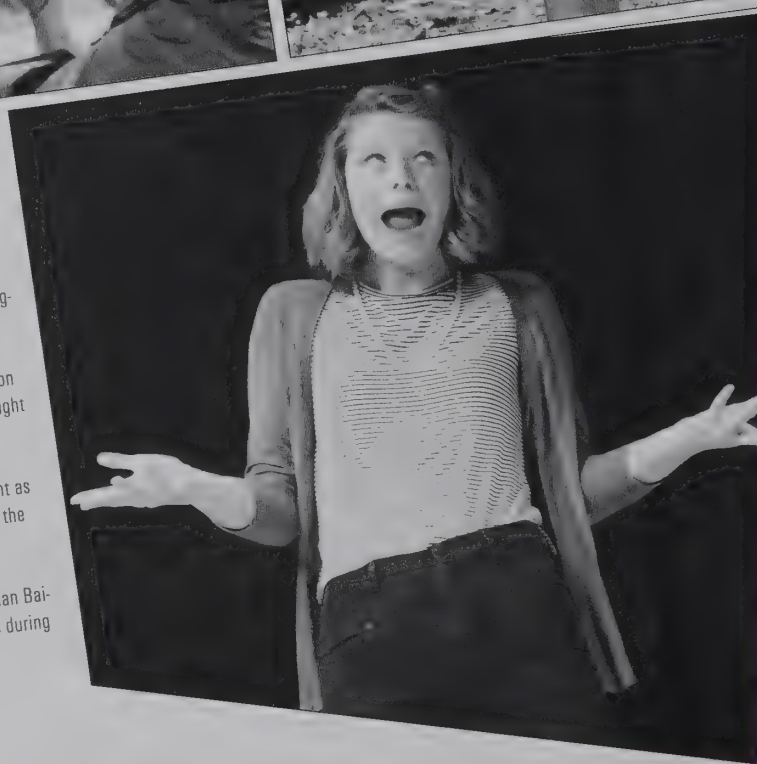
The team's name, "Don't Rory, Be Happy," seems to fit as junior Patrick Roque chips toward the hole and senior Austin Key watches during the intramural golf outing. | Kate Sarber

Who wants pie? Junior Ashley Kippley zeroes in and misses hitting Calvin Wertman, Hale Hall residential coordinator, at the Cognitive Neural Science Research Group's event. | Kate Sarber

Something has certainly caught junior Alyssa Murphy's attention as she enjoys some quiet time outside Ridgway Center. One might wonder what that grin is all about. | Chelsea Blanton

A pretty late summer afternoon makes studying more pleasant as freshmen Elizabeth Alford and Andi Burczyk relax outside on the Ridgway Center lawn. | Natalie Christy

Complaints about Sodexo food are nothing new, but freshman Bailey Brandvold as judgmental Aunt Linda gets lots of laughs during Phi Kappa Tau's "Phi-Day Night Live." | Natalie Christy



Just like the rest playing "Color Wars," sophomore Chris Wiggin is covered from head to toe in dyed cornstarch. | Kate Sarber



Ready to defend themselves, former student Laujain Alsanie, exchange student Yuka Doi and senior Marina Moreno are armed and ready to toss some water balloons of their own at the rival team during an International Club event. | Monica Morales

Loving life in our BUBBLE

With how busy most of us were, it was no wonder that students did not spend much time thinking about life outside of UE's small space in the world. We were content with the fact that our everyday lives centered on the routine things that happened on campus.

UE was definitely our safe haven, and it was easy to get caught up in the routines that became our everyday life.

"For me, it was going to Jazzman's, getting an iced coffee and then going to the [Bower-Suhrheinrich] Library for three or four hours before class," senior Joey Estes said. "I didn't know about most people, but that was daily life for me."

Everyone had those things they did each day. Between attending classes, organization meetings and campus events, we met up with friends, sacrificed hours to work-study and tried to find time to sleep and eat. That was the standard, and we liked it that way.

We liked that the route we took each day from our residence halls to our classrooms to Ridgway Center and back was done without much thought or fanfare.

And we also liked that other things were the same, too. If the weather was nice, the area outside of Ridgway would be littered

with students. If it wasn't, there was a good chance friends would be lounging somewhere inside.

"For a lot of students, everyday life centered out of Ridgway," sophomore Sam Mackey said. "A lot of people joked that they saw me there 90 percent of the time, so when I thought of daily life at UE, I thought of Ridgway. It kind of became headquarters."

Where we lived became special places, too. Lots of students spent lots of time in their residence halls, especially underclass students. This was where many first made friends, had memorable pizza parties, spent late nights studying and took a 20-minute study break that turned into a two-hour IHOP road trip.

"In your first couple of years, your daily life revolved around your dorm," Estes said, "so the people you met became part of your routine. You'd see them in the mornings and afternoons."

While our everyday lives did not include many extraordinary moments or things that took our breath away, we relished our college years and the memories created. From dorm life to unplanned moments to personal time, the snapshots of daily life on the following pages gives us a glimpse of what life was all about in the bubble known as UE.

You can't always believe what you see. Freshmen Taylor R. Williams, Tyler Wintermute and Bailey Brandvold aren't studying. They're taking part in a UE video. | Natalie Christy

Junior James Barton is definitely serious about his car washing duties at this International Club event. | Justin Spellman

Sophomore MaKayla Hochstetler plants a pie directly on Betsy Whit-ed, Morton and Brentano residential coordinator. | Kate Sarber

It's not often you see a toilet carted down a sidewalk. But freshman Jennifer Baker and sophomore Kat



Marcussen need to do some repairs as they prepare for a UE Theatre production. | Natalie Christy

Definitely keeping her attention, sophomore Bailey Smith focuses on her laptop. | Natalie Christy



WUEV, 91.5 FM

You may have thought the station just played soothing jazz, but for the nighttime DJs, it was the eclectic melodies played late that turned the hard work into dedicated fun.

Known mostly for its jazz playlist, students preferred the other music played on shows such as "The Other Side," "Today's Best Music" and "World Safari."

"You got to listen to a lot of music that you typically would not," junior Dane Turner said. "I had always really loved music."

DJs might have been as different as the music they played, but they were all connected by WUEV and the long — and late — hours spent sitting in the control room working the board.

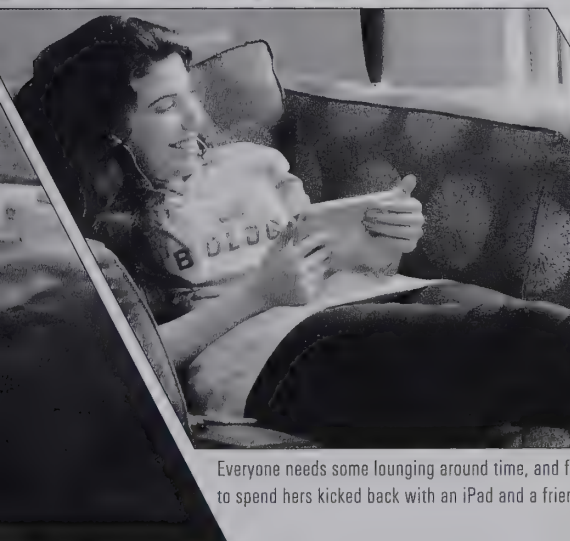
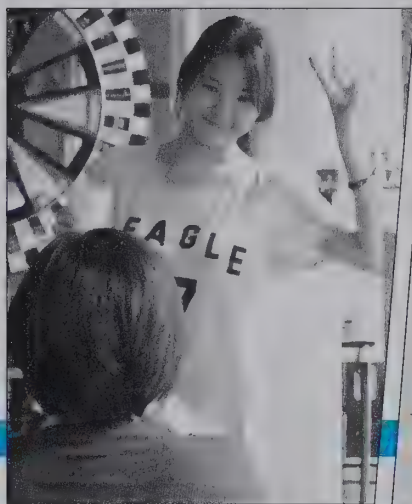
"My job was basically to go in there and get people to listen to the music I listened to," Turner said with a smile.

| Sam Petitjean

more than just jazz



After filling up on pizza, freshman Kye Ri Park and exchange student Junyoung Jang hang out before going back to skate during the BSU event. | Kate Sarber



After running into each other between classes, juniors Ambrea Spivey and David Poin-dexter stop for a quick picture outside Krannert Hall. | Chelsea Blanton

Everyone needs some lounging around time, and freshman Ayah AlJandali decides to spend hers kicked back with an iPad and a friend. | Natalie Christy



Seniors Eunice De La Torre and Devon Nicely and junior Kourtney Carpenter cheer for Phi Mu. | Kate Sarber

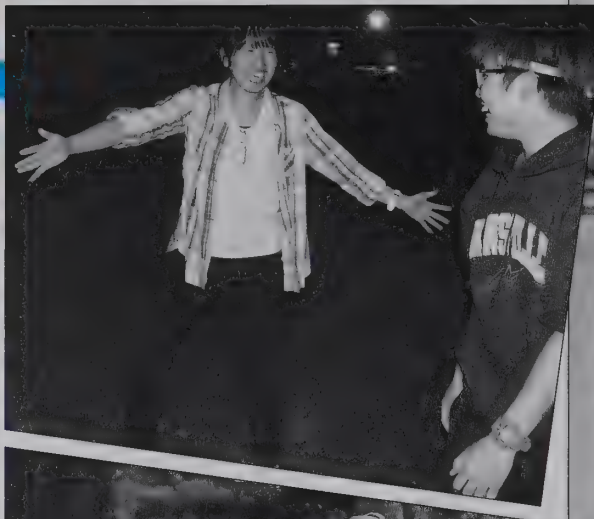
Freshman Blake Leonetti zooms around campus. | Natalie Christy

There's just not much you can do. Sophomore Gabriel James accepts his fate during "Watermelon Bust." | Makayla Seifert

Washing cars for a cause, senior Alex Schmitt spends his afternoon supporting It Takes a Village. | Justin Spellman

Graduate students Liz Graper and Amanda Strahm laugh at the action on the field while taking an afternoon break to play softball. | Justin Spellman

The giggles are always hard to stop. Exchange student Asami Takeuchi stops Intensive English student Yuya Nishikawa from crossing. | Kate Sarber



That's a wrap! Seniors Ashley Leroy and Felipe Cortez and freshman Ashraf Obaji stroll in front of Olmsted Hall as they finish up filming a UE promotional piece. | Natalie Christy



Switching it up, sophomores McKayla Hochstetler and Anna Ahrens trade the classroom for sunshine as they measure distances. | Natalie Christy



HEALTH & WELLNESS

dance for fitness

Working up a sweat was easy to do during Zumba and other fitness classes. Various Latin, hip-hop and country-based dances got students eager to move. And it turned ordinary dancing into an exhilarating hour-long workout.

"It was fun," senior Brittany Conard said. "It was a workout, but it did not feel like a workout. It was a stress reliever."

Certain moves definitely gave students a better workout. Some mimicked the rhythm of the fast-paced songs, while slower songs gave everyone a needed break. Plus, repetition helped students to remember the moves.

Once participants learned the moves, they added their own style. Intensifying the moves resulted in a better workout. And when a well-known song played, energy levels increased and the class became livelier. | Brittany McFadden

Even the smallest things can make a difference. Sophomore Kendra Mehling rearranges clothing as she assists at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. | Justin Spellman

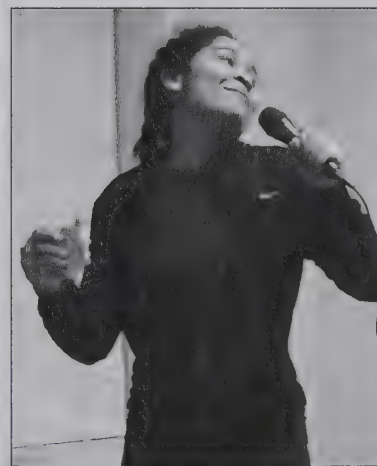
Nice putt. Junior Ethan Hughes sinks the putt as sophomore Derek Hammelman pulls the flag as the ball gets closer to the hole during the Intramurals golf outing. | Kate Sarber

Getting a dose of vitamin C, senior Devin Machowiak enjoys an orange while soaking in the late summer sun. | Natalie Christy

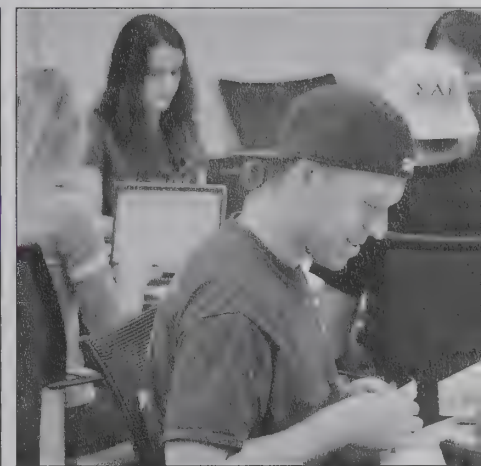
Manning the Sucky Sucker booth, freshman Madi Elpers watches as participants vie for lollipops during the Homecoming carnival. | Natalie Christy



Strengthening her obliques with this move, freshman Stacey Chen moves her elbow to her knee during her workout. | Chelsea Blanton



Whether she's spitting rhymes or bits of pizza, senior Sarah Cheatham is full of surprises. | Kate Sarber



Sophomore Jacob Wilkerson is the banker while playing "Monopoly" during Accounting 210. | Monica Morales

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Water balloons were everywhere. Dozens of colorful poppable latex ended up smashed over people's heads and the soaked T-shirts worn by many just about spoke for themselves.

No one stood a chance of remaining dry, and by the end, nearly everyone was drenched.

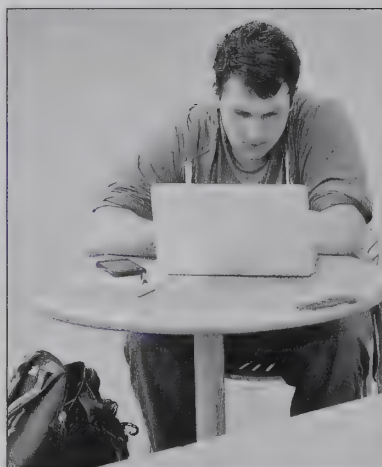
"It was so much fun," senior Marina Moreno said. "Most people were avoiding the water at the beginning, but by the end, everybody went crazy."

Participants played a ruthless game of war where nothing was off-limits. And as a final gesture, the club's executive committee huddled together while everyone else circled around and threw water balloons at them.

"I had never done these activities before and really wanted to try them," exchange student Erina Hayashi said. | Korin Williams



Keeping it nice and neat, freshman Shannon Pins arranges clothing for Make-a Difference Day. | Justin Spellman



With his laptop, freshman Nick Czartoski is able to complete work while outside. | Natalie Christy



As part of the Symphony Orchestra, freshmen Benjamin Franklin and Arlen Magelitz make brilliant and stately sounds. | Monica Morales

Exchange student Luiz Franca enjoys the warm September evening, laughing and joking with friends after the International Club's water balloon fight. | Monica Morales

Working out multiple muscle groups by rowing, freshman Alyssa Koberstein motivates herself with music. | Chelsea Blanton

Taking a break from the hustle and bustle of campus life, senior Sarah Joest, junior Megan Owens and freshman Bri Gillespie relax in Memorial Plaza. | Natalie Christy

Do you even golf, bro? Freshmen Matt Seitz and Jon Mitchell casually wait their turns as they watch junior Ethan Hughes take his shot during the Intramurals golf outing. | Kate Sarber



Sophomore Nasser Al-angery gives airy cotton candy to anyone in the mood for a sweet treat during the Homecoming carnival. | Natalie Christy

Whipping up another round of creamy punishment, junior Kay Sheets prepares pies for the CNSRG pie-throwing event. | Kate Sarber

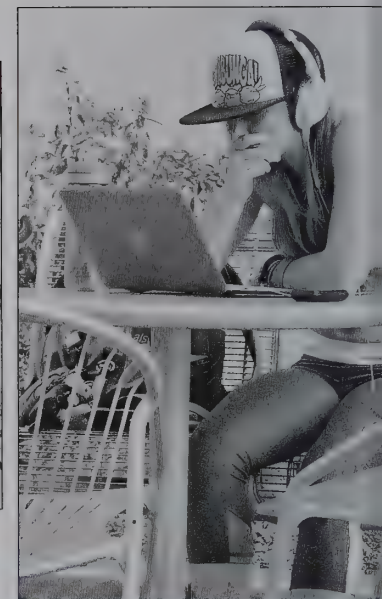
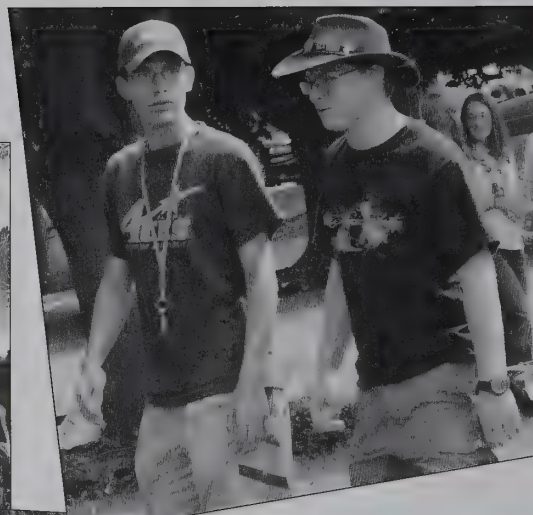


With velvety smooth moves, sophomore Taloni Reese glides around the skating rink during Black Student Union's skating party. | Kate Sarber



Enjoying a slice of pizza and a "mocktail," seniors Kirk Holden, Chris Nguyen, Trevor Schrock and Austin Key hang out during North Hall's "Karaoke Night." | Kate Sarber

A nice day brings everyone outside. Freshmen Brannndon Castellano and Mark Mozina take a stroll across the Front Oval lawn. | Natalie Christy



Senior Nathan Winters slams Mike Slade, assistant professor of chemistry, with a pie. | Chelsea Blanton



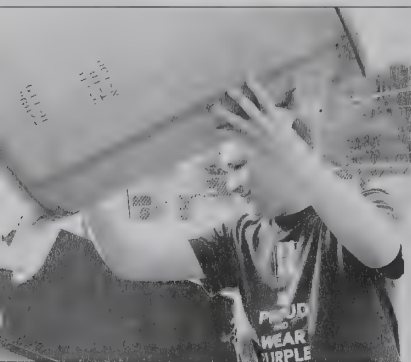
Sophomore Danielle Lopiccolo gets some sun while working on some homework. | Natalie Christy

Senior Kaylin Saur shows off her killer moves at RSA's "Halloween Bash." | Kate Sarber

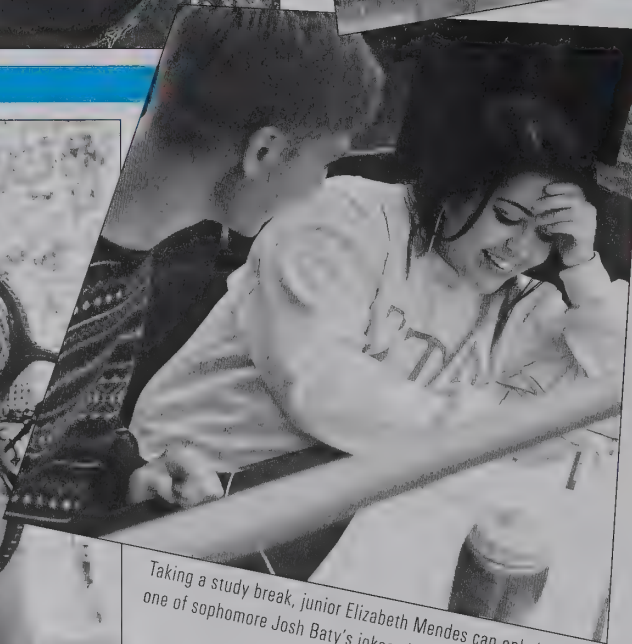
After a crash, freshman Abdullah Alzakari prepares to fly his hovercraft again. | Natalie Christy



Sophomore Chris Hartzell takes out the trash at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. | Justin Spellman



Taking a study break, junior Elizabeth Mendes can only laugh at one of sophomore Josh Baty's jokes. | Justin Spellman



BOWER-SUHRHEINRICH LIBRARY

lost without it

The 29-year-old sandstone structure was still being renovated when students returned to campus in the fall. While no one knew when it would reopen, rumors quickly spread when the delay seemed to go on forever. Many students were frustrated that it took so long.

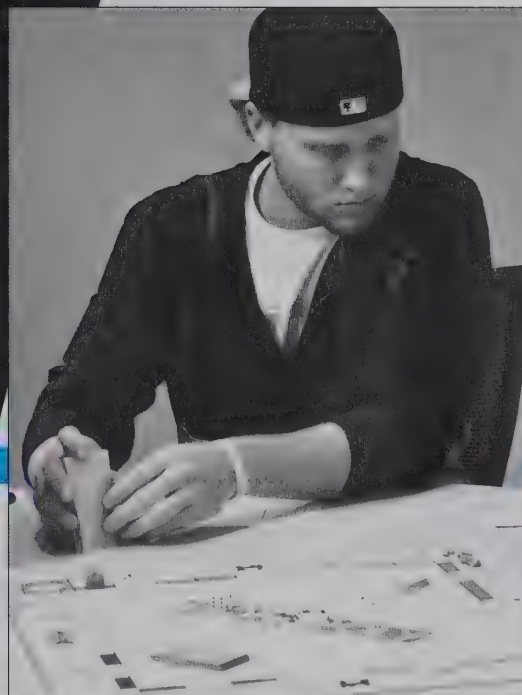
"I went to class one time 40 minutes early and there were like eight people in there studying," sophomore Kindra Hurlbert said.

Some students got creative and found various on-campus spots in which to study while others ventured off campus.

Regardless, those who used the library persevered until the mostly renovated library reopened at the end of October.

"It would have been nice to have had a quiet option if I was hard-core stressed out," freshman Kelsie Morris said.

| Michelle Nussdorfer



Just like everyone else, freshman Tyler Marx falls victim to taxes during Accounting 210 as he played "Monopoly." | Monica Morales

Keeping an eye on the thermometer, sophomore Craig Beeson and senior Anneliese Trapp warm their solutions. | Natalie Christy

Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 never sounded so good as seniors Claire Webb and William McNicholas and junior John East focus on the music. | Monica Morales

Nothing like some fresh air. Junior Brittany McFadden is caught up in her technology as she does some homework. | Natalie Christy

Freshman Lauren Mulvihill resets the Homecoming carnival game after someone downed a clown. | Natalie Christy



While pulling themselves into the upward-facing dog pose, freshman Kiana Wong and senior Elizabeth Long pick points to help maintain focus. | Chelsea Blanton



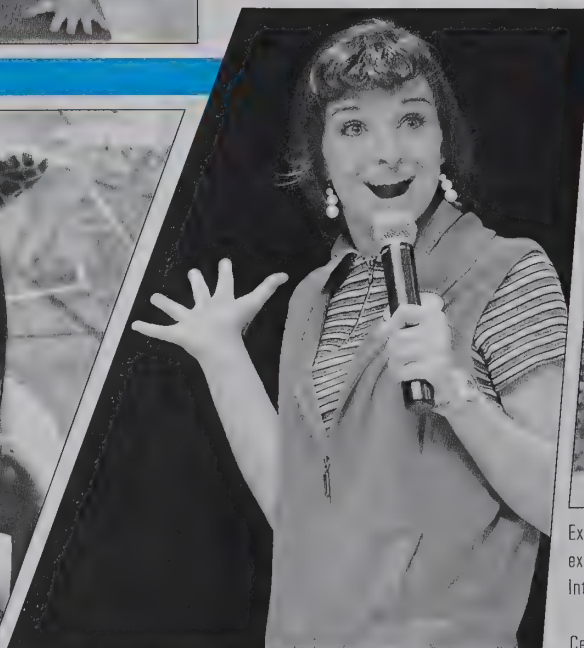
Senior Austin Key takes one for the team during an intramural volleyball game. | Chelsea Blanton



Cold temperatures do not keep sophomore Kudzi Mandingwa from the Martin Luther King Jr. Day march. | Taylor Williams



Senior Alyana Ladha shows off her Halloween wild side by painting a mini pumpkin at Greek Life's "Trick-or-Eat." | Natalie Christy



Welcome! Sophomore Annie Stenftenagel impersonates the "Target Lady" in Chi Omega's skit during Phi Kappa Tau's "Phi-Day Night Live." | Kate Sarber



Exchange student Saorlaith O'Callaghan enjoys this new experience as she carves a pumpkin for Halloween at an International Club event. | Monica Morales



Celebrating their first snowfall, freshmen Rocio Fortuny, Mildrelis Rodriguez and Joselyn Coronel take a photo to send to people back home. | Taylor Williams



a new awareness

BLACK STUDENT UNION

Small in number but big in heart, BSU offered members a different way of viewing things through its weekly gatherings than normally experienced on campus.

"We loved to talk to one another and gain new perspectives," senior Ashley Leroy said. "We liked to compare our experiences."

To help students better express themselves, BSU hosted spoken-word workshops using song, poetry and dance. The group also partnered with Diversity and Outreach Initiatives to promote anti-bias.

Through these outlets, BSU members learned how to apply and share their outlooks with members in other organizations.

"We expressed a new way of life that most in this area had not seen too often," sophomore Marks Cannon said.

| Brittany McFadden

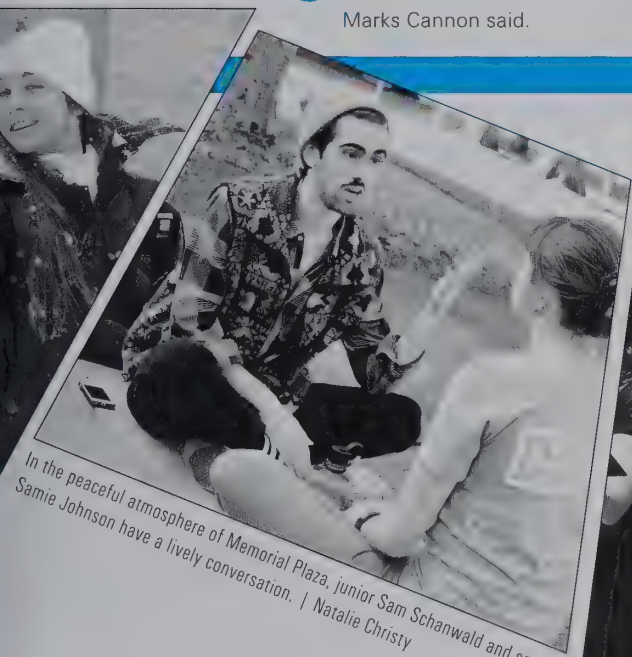


Hoping to win a gift card based on her moves, junior Sarah Warner jams at Zeta Tau Alpha's "BMOC." | Justin Spellman

Trying to figure out her next move, senior Brittany Soderberg looks for a sturdy hold while navigating her rock-climbing path at Vertical eXcape. | Chelsea Blanton

Ringin' in the hoilday season, senior Katherine Eckert, juniors Victoria Geisz and David Poindexter and freshman Marshall Hopkins blend their voices to the music during the Holiday Pops Concert. | Justin Spellman

As she wanders around during the Homecoming carnival, freshman Baylee Stewart briefly stops for a pose. | Chelsea Blanton



In the peaceful atmosphere of Memorial Plaza, junior Sam Schanwald and senior Samie Johnson have a lively conversation. | Natalie Christy



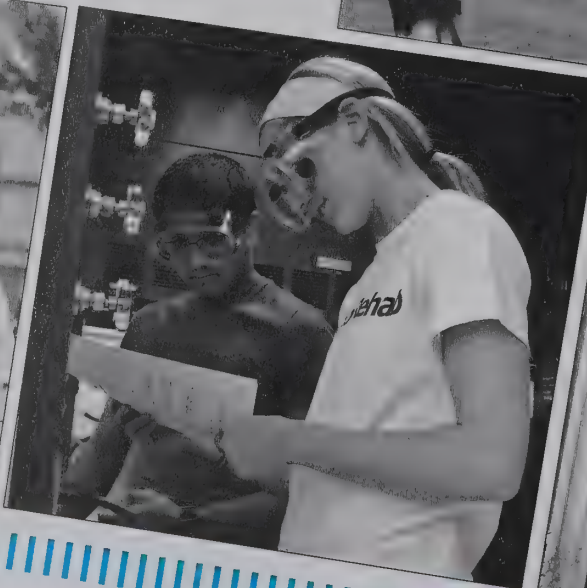
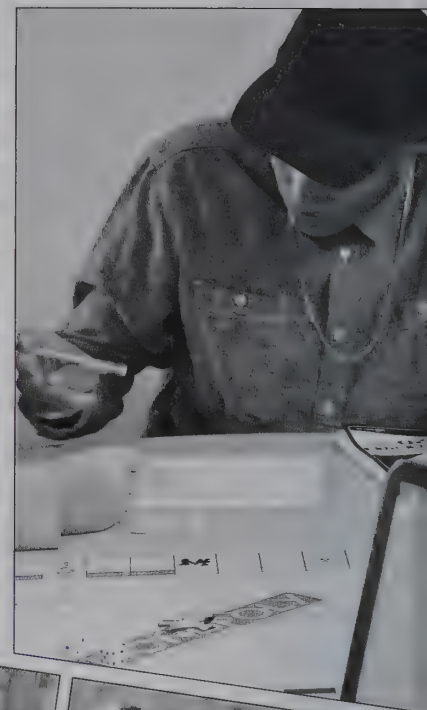
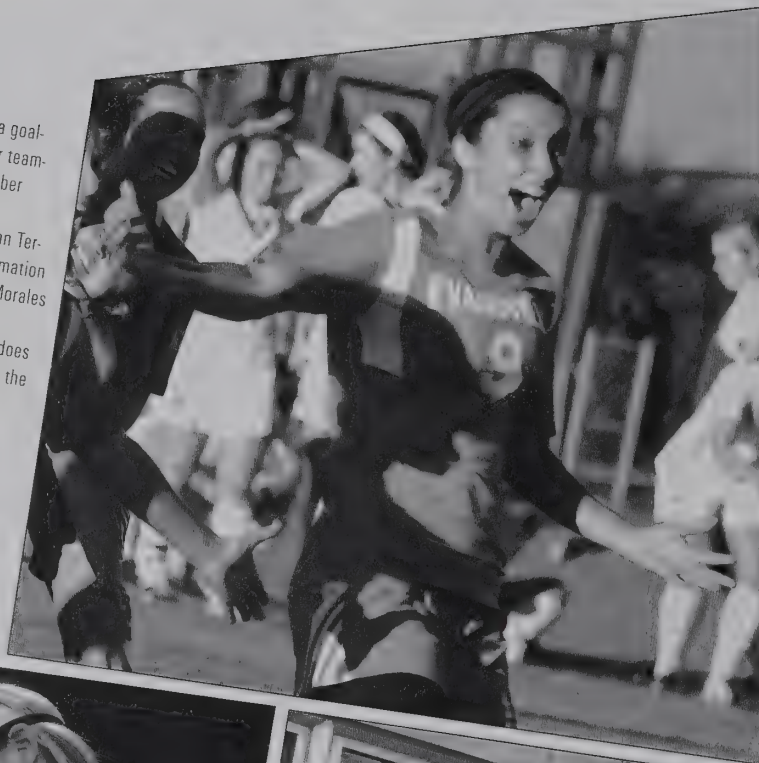
As defender Emily Richardson puts one past the Loyola goal-keeper, forward Kayla Smith runs downfield toward her teammate to celebrate the MVC Tournament win. | Kate Sarber

With a little help from junior Rachael Sherwood, freshman Terrence Bentley avoids any mistakes by reviewing his information while playing "Monopoly" in Accounting 210. | Monica Morales

Just like a regular carnival act, freshman Miguel Marciano does flips and other tricks to get the attention of those attending the Homecoming carnival. | Natalie Christy

Stopping to ask a few questions, freshman Hasaan Ladha accepts help from sophomore Morgan Saiko in order to correctly complete the lab experiment. | Natalie Christy

A laugh and a smile make life worthwhile. Practicing that saying, senior Joy Grace Chen laughs with sophomore Samantha Mackey at the Homecoming carnival. | Natalie Christy

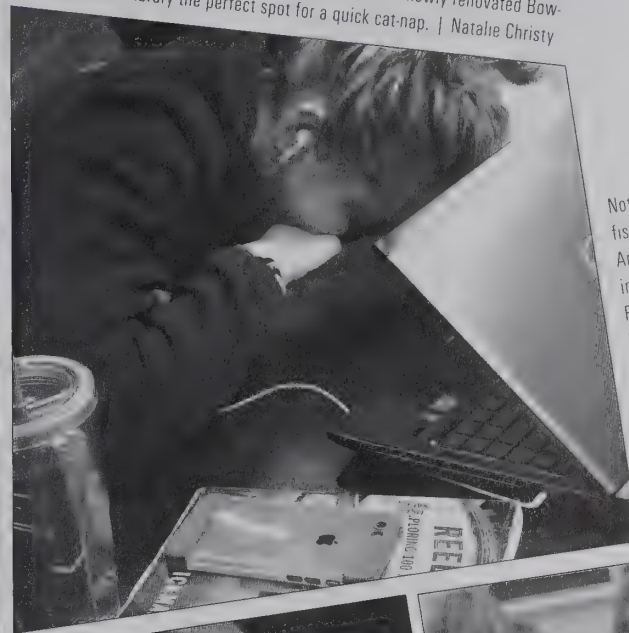


Adding a bit more, Intensive English student Hussain AlHajj empties out his last bits of pumpkin slime. | Monica Morales



With what appears to be a fearless attitude, freshman Jasneet Singh and senior Rachel Wyatt try to conquer one of the tallest and toughest walls during the Venturing Crew outing to Vertical eXcape. | Chelsea Blanton

Just can't help it. Sophomore Hannah Conder finds the newly renovated Bowler-Suhrheinrich Library the perfect spot for a quick cat-nap. | Natalie Christy



Not even red fish or blue fish can keep sophomore Amber Stull from dancing the night away at RSA's annual "Halloween Bash." | Justin Spellman

International Club's water balloon fight finds junior Carmen Rojas getting the better of sophomore William Mallmann. | Monica Morales



Creating balance, sophomore Sari Baum uses yoga to relax and gain flexibility. | Justin Spellman

As a firm believer in making messes, senior Korey Brock paints with a squirt gun during a Moore Hall event. | Chelsea Blanton

Sophomore Aldo Malky enjoys the nice weather while waiting for his class to begin. | Monica Morales

With a little bit of sass, freshmen April Kuhnert, Taylor Howard, Emma Lundquist and Julia Kalmer do "The Time Warp" again. | Kate Sarber

Junior Alex Burns wastes no time using the new items in the refurbished Bower-Suhrheinrich Library. | Chelsea Blanton



a common bond

NEWMAN CENTER

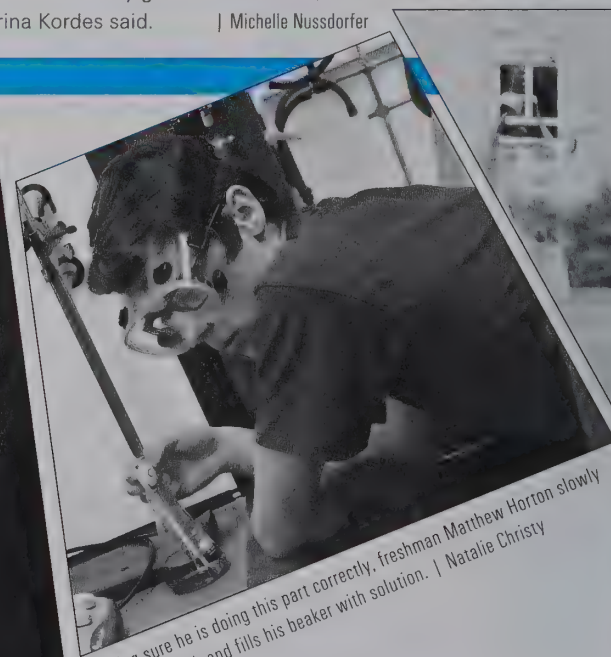
Newman Center was filled on this evening with the aroma of homemade chicken and dumplings. And as students started arriving for dinner and discussion, they were excited about the chance to share and talk with others.

"Newman was a friendly place where people came for a meal and also some deep conversation," junior Francis Prexl said.

As the campus ministry outreach of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, the center offered a home-away-from-home for Newman Club members and other students.

Along with volunteering locally, members also came together to talk through questions and struggles with their faith. But above all, it was a gathering place for respectful sharing.

"I made some really good friends there," senior Sabrina Kordes said. | Michelle Nussdorfer



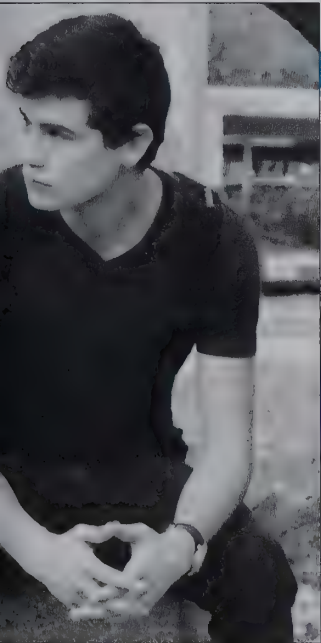
Making sure he is doing this part correctly, freshman Matthew Horton slowly twists the knob and fills his beaker with solution. | Natalie Christy



Freshmen Serena McPhail, Rebecca Clark, Darby Culp and Allyssa Trimble welcome in the holidays. | Chelsea Blanton

Sophomores Jessi Hildebrand, Kendall Turner and Rachel Rabs serve at Chi Omega's "Dishes-for-Wishes." | Natalie Christy

Competing against a few others, junior Mark Murillo busts a move during Zeta Tau Alpha's "BMOC." | Justin Spellman



Decisions, decisions. Freshman Alex Piccione debates which card to play to win the euchre hand during the intramural championship. | Justin Spellman



Many students never miss Newman Center's weekly dinner and discussion. Freshman Rachel Smith gets busy preparing the meal. | Chelsea Blanton



Freshman Marine Darzyan and exchange student Lydia Taylor are amused by the playful water balloon scuffle. | Monica Morales

Everyone has that special pump up song. Freshman Blake Sergesketter listens to his favorite song to get him ready for his dead lifts. | Troy Burger

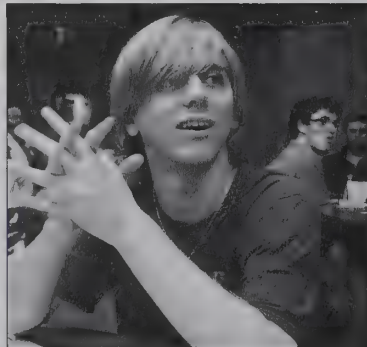
Brother against brother, seniors Eric Trudrung and Ryan Lasley try for control during an intramural game. | Natalie Christy

Cringing at the sight of the needle, freshman Chelsea Gaddis turns away as she donates blood. | Troy Burger

Sophomore Thomas Jandebeur stares in disbelief after an Honors Activity Board

"Nerd Wars" question has him totally stumped. | Taylor Williams

Serving up a taste of their culture at the International Bazaar are juniors Meshari Alharbi and Zami AlSabhan. | Kate Sarber





Pondering the answer, seniors Cameron Roberts and Alex Schmitt look at their responses during the final round of the Honors Activity Board's "Nerd Wars." | Taylor Williams



Freshman Jake Gould and seniors Alex Gould, Brent Jurceka, Shain Showers and Forrest Herrmann are pumped for the UE vs. Wichita State game. | Kate Sarber

While signing to Adele's "Hello," junior Brianna Nichols reaches an intense level of emotion that touches the audience. | Chelsea Blanton

Senior Zhenyu Zhao and junior Udonma Ikoro sketch their ideas before carving. | Monica Morales

As he studies various insects, senior Vic-

HONORS ACTIVITY BOARD

A night of pizza and wacky questions could only mean one thing: Honors Activity Board's "Nerd Wars." The trivia night welcomed 21 teams to battle during seven tricky rounds.

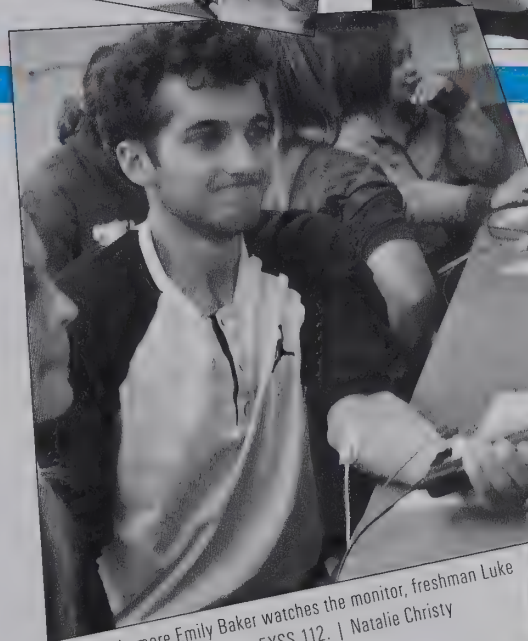
Whether or not questions of chemistry, biology and Beyonce were useful, teams put their heads together to find answers.

"It was fun to do trivia with friends and to challenge my mind a bit," senior Arielle Piper said.

Shuck it Trebek and Consilience, the faculty team, took home the trophies. "Nerd Wars" not only raised \$619 for the Honors Ace Mentors, but also brought out everyone's inner nerd.

"It had always been a way for the community to come together," sophomore Humza Kahn said, "not only the honors [students] but the entire UE campus."

| Magda Sokalski



While sophomore Emily Baker watches the monitor, freshman Luke Rischar flexes his muscles in EXSS 112. | Natalie Christy



tor Deere assesses the amount of air they breathe during Biology 427, "Animal Physiology." | Natalie Christy

Showcasing her talent during "Paddy Murphy," junior Brittini Tully plays Coldplay's "Clocks." | Natalie Christy



SNOW DAY

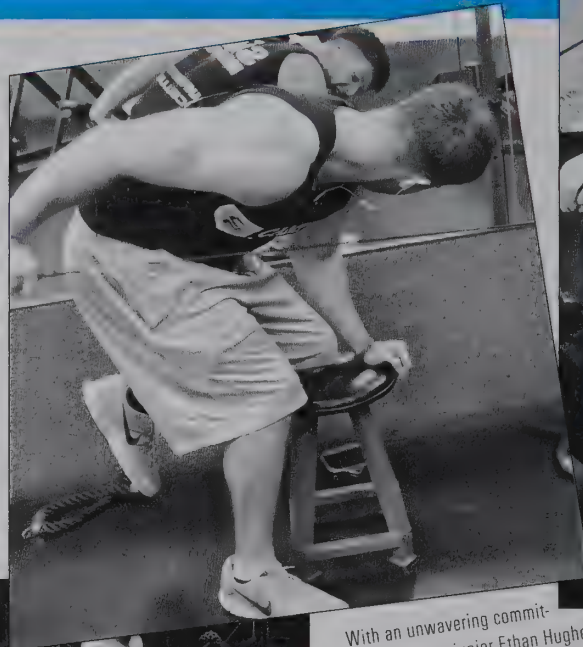
Everyone seemed to have an opinion about the snow — you either resented the cold or loved the beautiful flakes landing all around. For many, it was a normal part of winter, but others had much different experiences. And it was hard to imagine that some students had never been exposed to snow before.

"The snow was kind of soft, so I dived in the snow and I hit my face on the ground," exchange student Yuya Nishikawa said, "but it was very fun."

What seemed like fun to some made others shiver in disgust.

"When I saw snow around campus, I said 'Why are you here, and when are you leaving,'" senior Adam Anthony said.

Regardless of how you viewed it, snow was something everyone talked about. | Korrin Williams



Freshman Elizabeth Giller and senior Ashley Manka do the "Cupid Shuffle" at SAB's a capella event. | Chelsea Blanton

As the dashing Captain Hook, freshman Grace Vavra joins friends at RSA's "Halloween Bash." | Kate Sarber

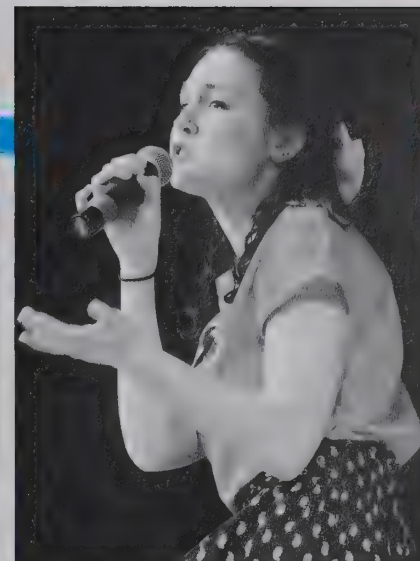
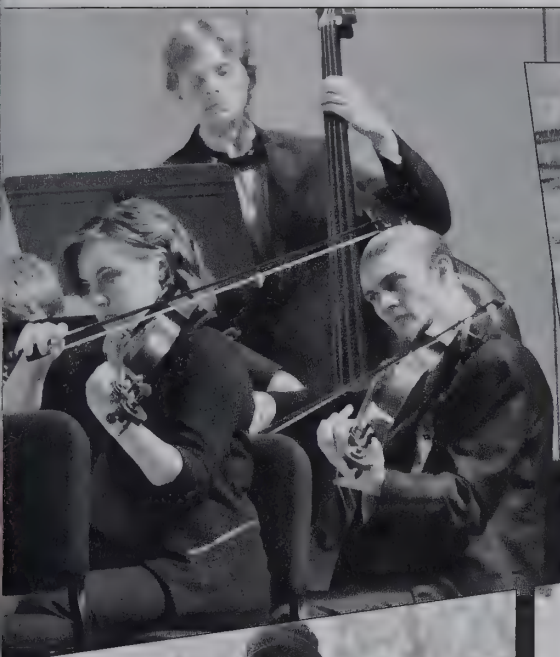
Freshmen Abby Weaver and Maggie Sullivan and sophomore Mitchell Rick do the "Cupid Shuffle" during RSA's "Halloween Bash." | Justin Spellman

With an unwavering commitment to fitness, junior Ethan Hughes spends time in the Fitness Center weight-room powering through numerous workouts. | Chelsea Blanton

Filling the air with the Christmas spirit, freshman Natsumi Yamaha, sophomore Taylor Farlin and seniors Kane Stratman and Tyler Vest perform at Holiday Pops. | Justin Spellman

Freshman Lydia Taylor, sophomore Giulia Mallmann and seniors Joshua Kunju-Herre and Jean Bruggeman aren't sure what to think as junior Carl Minnette and sophomore Sammi Shuler add the final touches. | Taylor Williams

Juniors Stephanie Marcotte, Rebecca Webb and Emily Corrigan and sophomore Anna Ahrens examine their Tin City findings. | Chelsea Blanton



Doing everything to reach the net, seniors Morgan Longnaker and Sarah McLear struggle to control the ball during the intramural event. | Troy Burger

Musical Madness finds senior Kaylynn Carver singing Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" as part of the Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Mu and Sigma Alpha Iota skit. | Troy Burger



As the ESPN camera records, sophomores Brendan Ninneman and Gabriel James try to distract play during the UE vs. Wichita State game. | MaKayla Seifert



SAB's "Christmas on Campus" finds freshmen Maggie Sullivan, Abbi Weaver and Kayla Penister and junior Michael Stairs breaking into song. | Chelsea Blanton



Senior Miah Washington gets ready for the next move as she plays "Monopoly" in Accounting 210. | Monica Morales

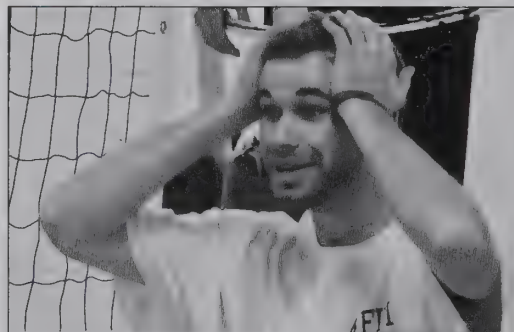
Never forget to warm-up. Sophomore Micah Lane runs two miles before his workout. | Troy Burger

During the snow battle, junior Demi Davis hides in the arms of senior Amanda Tumberello. | Chelsea Blanton

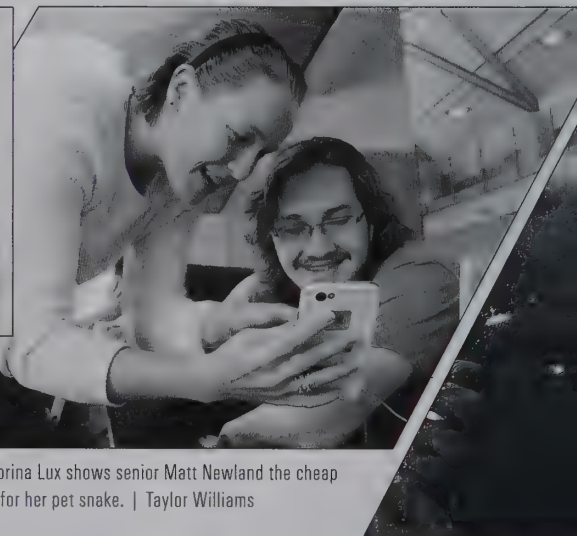
Seniors Korey Brock and Matt Roberts donate during a blood drive. | Taylor Williams



Staying committed is hard work, but freshman Makenzie Shreffler takes full advantage of the Fitness Center as she completes her work out. | Chelsea Blanton



In utter disbelief, junior Aaron Powell tries to figure out how his team, Uh-Oh Oreo, managed not to score during intramural volleyball. | Chelsea Blanton



Rejoicing in success, junior Sabrina Lux shows senior Matt Newland the cheap 10-gallon fish tank she bought for her pet snake. | Taylor Williams



Freshmen Ashley Sauzek and Olivia Voegerl are happy Newman Club offers a home-cooked meal every week. | Chelsea Blanton

Sporting more than UE colors, freshmen Charlie Ericson and Natalie Christy cheer on the Aces at the UE vs. Wichita State game. | Kate Sarber

Freshmen Derek Stauder, Bridget Sheridan and Amy Smith brave the frigid temperatures to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. | Natalie Christy

What other day of the year can you wear wacky hats and carve pumpkins?



just one more

NETFLIX

Sometimes students needed to escape and there was no better way to do it than with Netflix. While some used it as a reward for finishing an assignment, others were so into it they found it addicting. Sophomore Kindrea Wilson was shocked at the number of hours she usually logged each week.

"Like 14," she said. "That was disgusting."

She wasn't the only one seeing episodes fly by. Anyone could find something to binge on while watching the streaming service.

"I didn't have to watch shows I didn't like just because I couldn't watch the shows I did like," sophomore Chandra Snelling said.

Whether Netflix was a way to procrastinate or used as a well-deserved study break, Netflix let everyone find a way to de-stress by getting lost in their favorite shows.



Junior Gabriela Tom designs her own with a floral pattern. | Monica Morales

Junior Maria Schutte and sophomore Hillary Ward take a break during the Homecoming carnival. | Natalie Christy



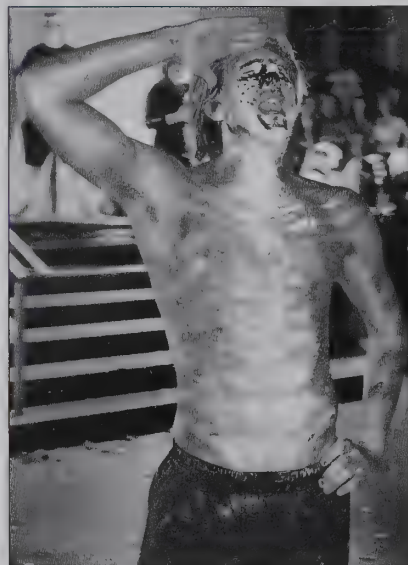
greek LIFE

Being Greek came with stereotypes. It was that way at UE just like anywhere else. Greeks were always involved. With philanthropy events most weekends and dozens trekking across campus in letters each day, it was hard to deny their presence. But day to day, there was a little more to it. It wasn't just about having tons of

sisters and brothers who became great friends. The lifestyle was based on traditions and values that became personal. From recruitment to graduation, Greeks might have been loud and proud, but they were a big part of UE life. And whether being Greek was your thing or not, we all saw that **there's much more to Greek life.**



In the heat of the "Color War" battle, sophomore Torrin Madden and junior Paul Reller, both of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, face off with handfuls of colored cornstarch as they try to out-color one another and neither has much success. | Kate Sarber



Even though divided into fraternities, the men come together for Passover. Everyone sings the "National Anthem" as senior Ethan O'Rourke salutes. | Kate Sarber



Donning aprons and gloves as they serve desserts at Chi Omega's "Dishes-for-Wishes," junior Rac Barkalow and freshman Bailey Brandvold take a quick break to sweetly throw their sorority's handsign, showing off their sisterly love and Greek spirit. | Natalie Christy



Let's rock this place! Ford Center might be at its loudest as students show up for the Aces vs. Wichita State game. Helping to increase the decibel level are freshman Lee Wittenauer, sophomores Conner Micklo and Christian Germonprez, junior Austin Cibulka and senior Justin Carey. | Taylor Williams



Freshmen Jessica Rea and Madison Mooney travel under the arms of their new Alpha Omicron Pi sisters during Bid Day. | Kate Sarber

MUCH **MORE**
TO IT

CONNECTING GREEK

by Magda Sokalski

Sometimes the Greeks were overwhelming. The appeal was often a mystery, and despite their small percentage at UE, they always seemed to be the loudest and proudest, sporting their letters, symbols and hand signs at any opportunity.

While not everyone may have understood what it meant to be Greek, it couldn't be denied that Greeks were valuable to campus's leadership and social life.

"It was kind of like family," junior Rianna Hansen said. "You knew, no matter what, someone was there to pick you up when you were down."

This was a common theme, but it wasn't the only value the groups shared. While many joined for the social aspects of sisterhood and brotherhood, it was often leadership, philanthropy and academic values that kept the groups so tight-knit.

"Because it's such a small school, it could easily be divided into cliques," Hansen said, "but

Greek life wanted to connect."

Organizations looked for this in their councils. On the women's side, Panhellenic Council created unity with Panhel Pals, which encouraged everyone to get to know different members of the community. Interfraternity Council pushed recruitment back, allowing freshmen more time to know each of the brotherhoods.

"We weren't trying to get everyone to hold hands and skip down the hall," junior Alex Strahle said. "We were just trying to get more unified fraternities."

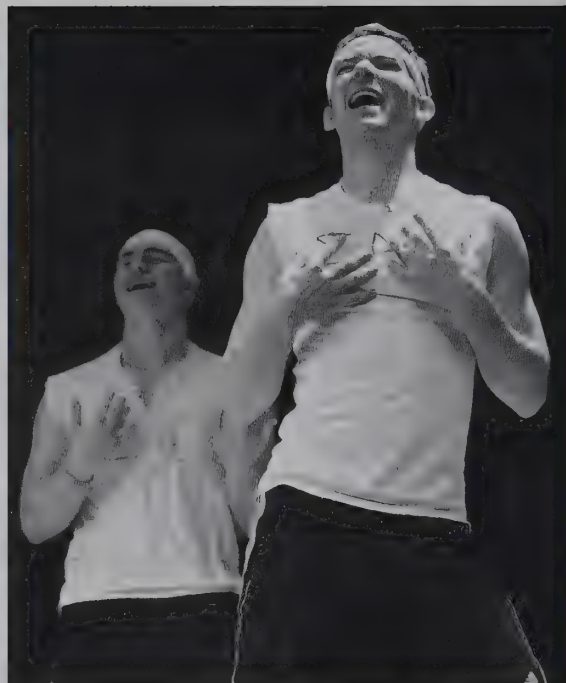
In the end, Greeks shared the same feelings toward their sorority or fraternity: it was home. All of them were unique, but they believed in the same values of leadership, community and life-long sisterhood and brotherhood.

"We were just excited to be Greek," Hansen said. "I found life long friends, and it taught me to be not only a better sister, but also a better person. It bettered my connection with UE."

Freshmen Riley Shanks and Carl Hehemann prepare to rip off their shirts for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. | Kate Sarber

It's all kinds of lovely as sophomore Brianna Nichols and junior Megan Vickrey welcome new Zeta Tau Alphas on Bid Day. | Justin Spellman

Senior Brittany Soderberg and sophomore Brittney Wright end their "A-Go-Go" routine with some Zeta Tau Alpha pride. | Taylor Williams





Pulling a classic "Rick Roll," senior Mike Foglia serenades the crowd for Tau Kappa Epsilon as he promises to never hurt or make them cry during Phi Mu's "Rock-4-Riley." | Kate Sarber



Like a lion pouncing on his prey, senior Brian Grant leaps into the arms of his Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers during Passover. | Natalie Christy

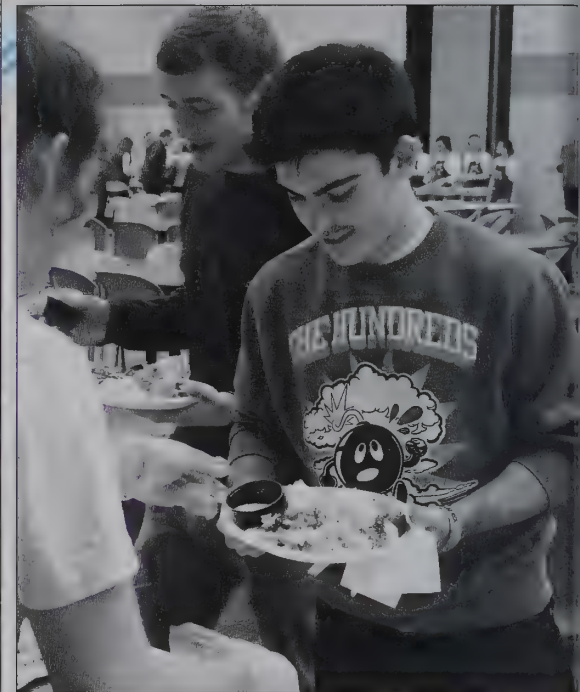
Singing may seem easy, but what about in Spanish? Senior Kaylynn Carver performs a Disney favorite during "Sig Ep A-Go-Go." | Chelsea Blanton

Excited about Chi Omega's win during Bike Race, seniors Rachel Davidson and Abbi Hanson give each other a triumphant hug. | Troy Burger

Ain't no party like a Phi Mu party. Sophomore Erin Parra celebrates the joining of new sisters during Bid Day. | Monica Morales



Standing in line with their signature dishes, juniors Shelby Hopf, Sam Frost, Jamie Kowalczyk and Maisie Lee and sophomores Lindsey Mayper and Liz Lung are ready to serve their dishes to the many hungry people. | Natalie Christy



Serving up some good-tasting salsa, senior Becca Laskey spoons it onto cinnamon chips for junior Austin Cibulka and senior Alex Gould. With plates already full, they eat the chips as they move down the line to the desserts. | Kate Sarbu



Giving a thumbs up, junior Jalen Lee feels the same way everyone else does as he enjoys his meal with senior Kenan Al Mahayni. | Natalie Christy



by Brittany McFadden

WISHES COME TRUE

Packed with hungry guests, Eykamp Hall was at various times throughout the evening so crowded people could barely move — let alone hear those they were trying to talk to. But conversations always seemed to go back to how great the food was and everyone agreed that the long line leading to the buffet-style setup was well worth the wait.

Eating a home-cooked meal and enjoying the company of friends was just a part of what made Chi Omega's "Dishes-for-Wishes" so special. Raising enough money to grant a child a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation was actually what the philanthropy was all about.

"That foundation gave so much to children in need," junior Georgie Davidson said. "When they were struggling, they had something to look forward to, from something as simple as building a playhouse in a backyard, a trip to Hawaii or meeting a celebrity."

Those outside the sorority also recognized the importance of supporting Chi O and what the women were trying to accomplish by hosting this event.

"I had a friend who made her wish three

years ago," junior Mattie Spain said.

Proceeds from ticket sales provided the means to make a wish come true for some lucky child. And those who bought tickets found themselves — with plates in hand — going through the food line to select from more than 78 dishes. Baked goods were also plentiful and popular.

"Green bean casserole was the best," graduate student Jennifer Zuckerman said. "It was a staple. You had to have it."

With other popular dishes such as cheesy potatoes, macaroni and cheese, buffalo chicken dip, pulled pork and angel hair bacon pasta, there seemed to be something for everyone.

"It was as great cause with great food," junior Michaela Kent said. "I liked all the deserts, especially cupcakes and red velvet brownies."

"Dishes" provided Chi O with one of the things they loved most — the chance to serve others, even though some described "Dishes" as exhausting and exhilarating all at the same time.

"My favorite part was being able to serve people and talk to them," senior Jaclyn Altshadt said.

In addition to service, the sisters focused on scholarship and personal and career development. Chi O also took pride in doing well academically and staying involved with other campus organizations.

"We were kind of a melting pot," Davidson said. "We all had our own unique talents and personalities, and when you mashed them up, we brought out the best in one another."

As much as everyone enjoyed the food, the purpose of the night was to draw attention to the foundation, with the event's proceeds helping to make a little boy's wish come true. Chi O also was able to recognize its local philanthropy, the Albion Fellows Bacon Center.

"We raised money to complete [a child's] wish of going to Hawaii," senior Rachel Ray said. "We actually got to see the people and the impact we made."

The women were also pleased that they had raised more than \$5,270 to donate to the foundation this year.

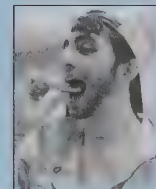
"The Make-A-Wish Foundation was super important and gave kids something to look forward to," freshman Bailey Brandvold said.

What was the best part of "Dishes-for-Wishes?"



The best part was getting to see everyone who came through the line and hearing how good our food was.

| freshman
Kianna Wong



My favorite part was knowing while I was eating delicious homemade food, I was helping the kids at Make-a-Wish.

| sophomore
Prescott Marcy

by Korrin Williams

Winning Big Prizes

Come on down! You're the next contestant on Delta Omega Zeta's "Price is Right."

Wacky prizes were up for grabs and those in the audience brought their A-game as they tried to guess the correct prices of the prizes to get them to play the familiar game show games.

Senior Tia Balmer and junior Dylan Gallego hosted DOZ's annual philanthropy, but without junior Raul Macias and freshman William Hume portraying Barker's Beauties, the event just would not have been the same.

Wearing fashionable wigs, outfits and makeup, the duo in drag modeled themselves and the prizes.

"Giving a wink here and there to the audience and seeing their reactions was funny," Macias said.

Everyone knew the event was based on luck, and if contestants played their cards right, they walked home with a nifty coffee mug or a lush body pillow.

On the downside, you could have won a foot massager that was shaped like a cat, and the audience laughed hysterically when sophomore Zach Reiff won it when he guessed the correct price.

"I'll trade you," he said to another contestant who won a set of speakers.

From DOZ's point of view, the event was more than just a playful spin on the long-running game show. They played

a video during the event that was sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children so the audience could understand the resources provided to those dealing with abduction and sexual exploitation.

And while not a lot of people attended, the sorority was able to donate more than \$325 to its philanthropy.

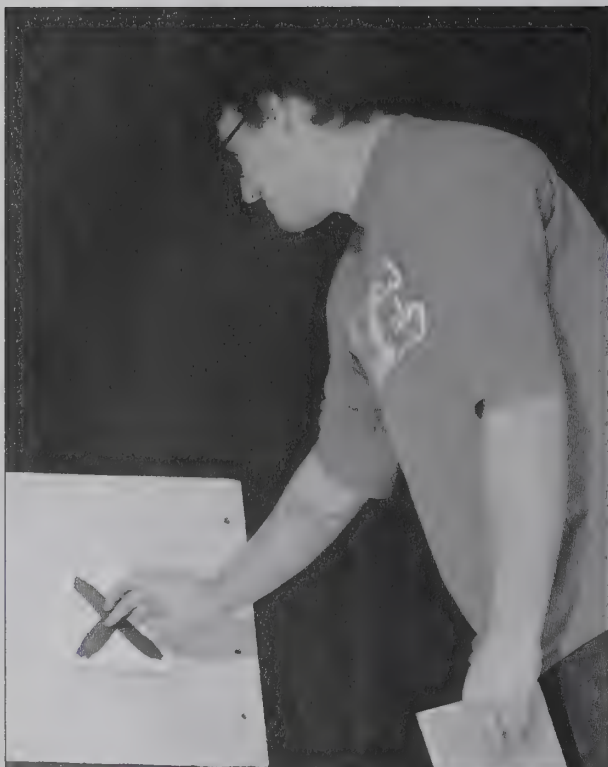
"It was a serious topic that needed support," Balmer said. "It was a tough world out there, and children should have been provided with the resources to help them get out of those situations."

While DOZ had struggled in recent years with membership and campus involvement, Balmer said the chapter was improving, and its overall personality spoke volumes.

"It had a different feel than in recent years," she said, "a very energetic environment. There were ups and downs, but the fact that we were able to get back up again as a chapter and as a family, I think spoke pretty clearly."

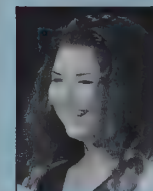
After the Showcase Showdown wrapped up, senior Jacob Green was the big winner of the night, taking home all the prizes the other contestants couldn't price correctly, along with Evansville Philharmonic tickets.

"It was kind of unexpected, but it was nice to get an armload of prizes to share," he said.



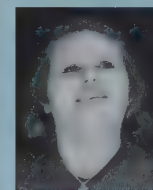
Leaving everything to luck, junior Jacob Green plays the final round of "The Price is Right" with high hopes of winning the final prize. | Monica Morales

What was the best thing about "Price is Right?"



My favorite part was the camaraderie between everyone involved. Even the people who weren't selected to participate were enjoying themselves.

| sophomore
Sarah Pfleiderer



DOZ's event was lot of fun to be a part of. The crowd participation made the night interesting and raising money for missing children made it worth it.

| junior Becca Lee



Attempting to get an advantage over the other contestants, sophomore Zach Reiff takes a chance and swiftly spins the big wheel. Apparently down on his luck, he spins over the \$1 amount and is eliminated from the Showcase Showdown. | Justin Spellman



The alluring Barker's Beauties, junior Raul Macias and freshmen William Hume, bring forward what seems to be the essential college kit – an epic coffee mug, Rice Krispies Treats and a cozy blanket. | Monica Morales

MELON JUICE GALORE

by Marisa Patwa & Korrin Williams

Cheesy '80s music blared through the open windows from inside the Lambda Chi Alpha house. It was humid and mosquitoes buzzed everywhere, but people still gathered in excited groups around the basketball court while waiting for "Watermelon Bust" to begin.

Over the course of the night, 10 men's teams and 13 women's teams competed in seven sticky rounds of competition in the hopes of being named champions.

"I really liked philanthropies, and this was a fun one," said sophomore Kat Marcussen, a Phi Mu. "I liked playing the games."

Junior Levi Leffert hauled 400 watermelons from Keller Farms in Newburgh, Ind., in preparation for the big night but said the annual charity event is really a team effort, and every brother helped during the months of planning that took place.

"It was a rewarding experience for every brother," he said, "and it ultimately brought us all closer together since we were all supporting the same cause."

That cause was The Arc of Evansville, and the fraternity raised \$1,200 for the local organization that works with those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The games were much the same as past years. Participants threw a watermelon from a window, aiming it at a giant red bulls-eye. The golf-ball challenge was always a favorite.

Watching two people dive-bomb a 44-gallon trash can filled with shaving cream and melon guts as they hunted for the ball at the bottom was not only funny but challenging.

When asked about her strategy, junior Dana Bednowitz, of Phi Mu, could only say, "find the ball," as she prepared for her match.

"It was fun," she said. "I did it last year and made it to the final round."

Those who participated in the eating contest, the better-tasting event, didn't have to endure the nastiness others did. Contestants only had to have their hands tied behind their backs as they gulped down their hunks of watermelon in the race to finish first.

Things got heated as the final event — tug of war — took center stage. Everyone surrounded the competitors and repeatedly yelled, "pull!"

Senior Rachel Ray from the Chi Omega Straw team was one of the first casualties of the nasty watermelon-filled foam pit during the first round of the war. She ultimately found herself sitting in the muck.

"It was fruity and spicy," she said. "I felt like I was an old man. I tried to be fierce, but I ate it."

In the end, Chi O Cardinals and the women's swimming & diving team were announced the women's winners, with Sigma Phi Epsilon crowned the men's winner.



Keeping their arms and bodies as straight as they can while channeling their superhuman Zeta Tau Alpha strength, juniors Alyssa Murphy and Megan Vickrey and senior Molly Chidester hope to defeat their challengers. | Justin Spellman

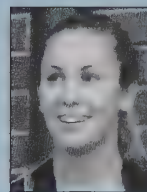


With words of encouragement pounding in his head, sophomore Phillip Rumler can't help but pull harder. Cheering him on are sophomores Dylan Brooks and Frannie Fiallo, who must know what they are doing since Sigma Phi Epsilon takes the win. | Justin Spellman

Using everything he has left, senior Austin Cibulka gives it his all. | Justin Spellman



What was the best part about "Watermelon Bust?"



Willingly being covered in watermelon and shaving cream was only possible when surrounded by my fellow AOPis.

— junior
Taylor Davidson

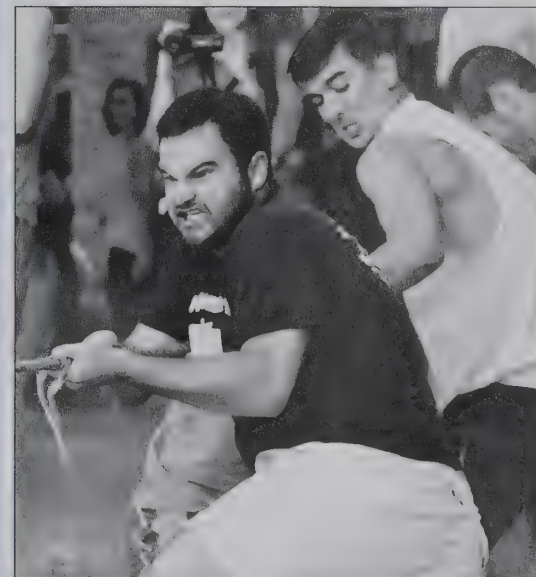


I really liked the smell of watermelon that was everywhere as we competed and raised money for a great cause.

— junior
Nathan Wallisch



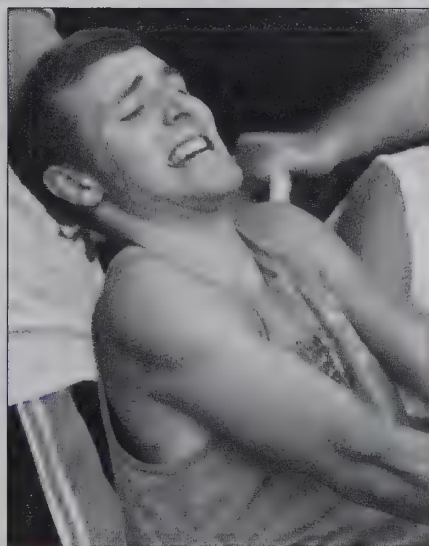
With their swimmer's faces in place, freshman Adrienne Gamester and sophomore Kasey Rein hope to avoid the yucky kiddie pool. | Justin Spellman



Seniors Nasib Al Haffar and Eric Trudrung look to haul their opponents into the pool of nasty gunk as they tug for Sigma Phi Epsilon. | Justin Spellman



always an ooey, gooey, sticky mess. Senior Rachel Ray can only laugh as she takes for Chi Omega after falling into the pool filled with melon gunk. | Justin Spellman





Third wheel to their love affair, senior Jack Andrew sticks to his corner of the hot tub as junior Natalya Czosnyka and sophomore Riley Maynor scoot a little closer together. | MaKayla Seifert



From their fraternity house's top deck, freshmen Michael Canning and Rocky Alderman and sophomore Matt Seitz have a perfect view of the event and cheer on their brothers playing volleyball in the pit below. | MaKayla Seifert

by Korrin Williams & Mackenzie Bruce

Blowing Off Steam

What was most rewarding about Hot-Tub-A-Thon?



Meeting representatives from Easter Seals was always the most rewarding part. Their strength was absolutely awe-inspiring.

| senior
Brad Curtis



Knowing that our effort was going toward a great cause and by partnering with Easter Seals, we were changing kids' lives.

| freshman
Conner Miles

Hamburgers sizzled, music blared and cheers erupted from the pit of the Phi Gamma Delta house as brothers competed in a friendly match of sand volleyball — and another “Hot-Tub-A-Thon” weekend began. The brothers joined friends from other Greek organizations to relax and raise money for a good cause.

As the stress of finals and end of the semester assignments piled up, it was only natural for students to want to chill out. “Hot-Tub” provided the best way to beat the pre-study blues by kicking back for charity. FIJI came together every year for its local philanthropy, the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, which provided assistance to people with disabilities so that they might gain more independence in their lives.

“One of our five core values was service,” sophomore Ryan DeHoff said. “As privileged college students, it was our responsibility to help those in need however we could and ‘Hot-Tub’ was how we decided to go about doing it.”

For FIJI, the philanthropy was not just one weekend in April; it took place all year long as they worked in shifts to call local businesses, graduates and alumni to ask for donations. Their on-going effort made the event one of the highest raising campus philanthropies each year, and since “Hot-Tub” was established in 2001, the men had raised more than

\$100,000. But the best part came when the brothers and participants got to see how their contribution was making a difference and hear the stories of those who benefitted from Easter Seals.

“Every year, we had one patient come out to talk at the event and tell how Easter Seals had helped them,” DeHoff said. “It was cool to put a face with who we were helping. A lot of sponsors [were needed] in order to raise money.”

With eight organizations taking time slots to sit in the hot tub during the 12-hour marathon, this year FIJI raised \$8,716 through participation and donations. The hard work made it all worth it, and an hour or two in the hot tub was the fun, final celebration of their efforts.

“It was always great to see who we were benefitting,” senior Brad Curtis said. “I was in the hot tub for two and half hours. It was fun to hang around your brothers and people of the campus community who were trying to make a difference.”

After all those hours in the tub and thousands of dollars in donations, everyone felt a more prepared to take on finals after relaxing in the name of charity.

“It was a nice way to socialize and unwind,” DeHoff said. “It was a good way to relax. What’s more relaxing than chilling in a hot tub with friends benefitting a good cause like Easter Seals?”



Just can't leave the hose alone. Senior Pete Stremming playfully swings the hose meant to fill the tub, leaving more water outside than in. | Taylor Williams

RAISE A LITTLE HELL

by Mackenzie Bruce

Unique, quirky and fun. One could describe Phi Kappa Tau and its philanthropy that way. In its third year, "Phi-Day Night Live" did not disappoint with skits full of serious fun, all while raising money for an important cause.

"I felt we valued [SeriousFun Children's Network] because of that fun-loving atmosphere we had," sophomore Andy Romisch said. "We wanted people to have fun. That was what we wanted to display."

Fun and friendly were traits the men believed they represented best, and they wanted to make their chapter the best it could be.

"I thought we were a very like-minded group in what we wanted to do on campus," Romisch said. "We had the same goals."

Whether that meant taking on leadership positions or simply being active in other organizations, friends could easily find them relaxing at their house or throwing a Frisbee around on the Ridgway Terrace lawn.

"Honestly, they were probably the most genuine people I knew," senior Dev Machowiak said. "They would do anything for you without thinking of anything in return."

It was their playful nature that found its way into "Phi-Day Night Live." Most other philanthropies involved some sort of pageant and lots of signing and dancing. That was why Phi Tau chose a different route — comedy.

Their event was full of "Saturday Night

Live" skits, often with a UE twist, that left everyone giggling in their seats. And even more than that, the silly style represented their larger purpose of giving to SeriousFun.

"We wanted to bring something unique to the playing field," Romisch said. "Everything was fun for the crowd to watch, but you wanted it to be fun for the people on stage, too."

Between acts, a video showed the importance of the SeriousFun Network. Founder Paul Newman's mission to create a place for children with serious illnesses to be able to be normal and, as he put it, "raise a little hell," was alive in philanthropies like Phi Tau's.

"It was just one of those things you wouldn't think about when it came to charities," Romisch said, "but they saw why it was important for kids to be able to enjoy summer camps like every kid."

The brothers raised \$1,110 to help the more than 75,000 children nationwide who benefited from fundraising. The Orientation Leaders won the event, while Chi Omega and Lambda Chi Alpha took second and third place. Everyone had plenty of good laughs while Phi Tau showed off what their organization and philanthropy meant to them.

"It wasn't just support of their fraternity," Machowiak said, "but support of campus. It was great to see them put in their whole hearts."

Cheering is always a part of "Saturday Night Live." Junior Alexandra Amick and sophomore Kaitlynn Gilmore show how it's done during Zeta Tau Alpha's skit. | Natalie Christy





"Ew!" would fit right in on SNL since there are so many things in the world that are yucky. As Sara (senior Rhys Smith) embellishes on something, her friend, senior Meg Reinsch, believes they are simply "ew!" too during the Orientation Leader's skit. | Natalie Christy



It combined pop culture and comedy, and it was relatable to college students. It was interesting for students to go watch. | sophomore Caleb Chesnut



It was unique in comparison [to other philanthropies.] You could be so much more creative with it and have more fun with it. | junior Megan King



What was the best part about "Phi-Day Night Live?"

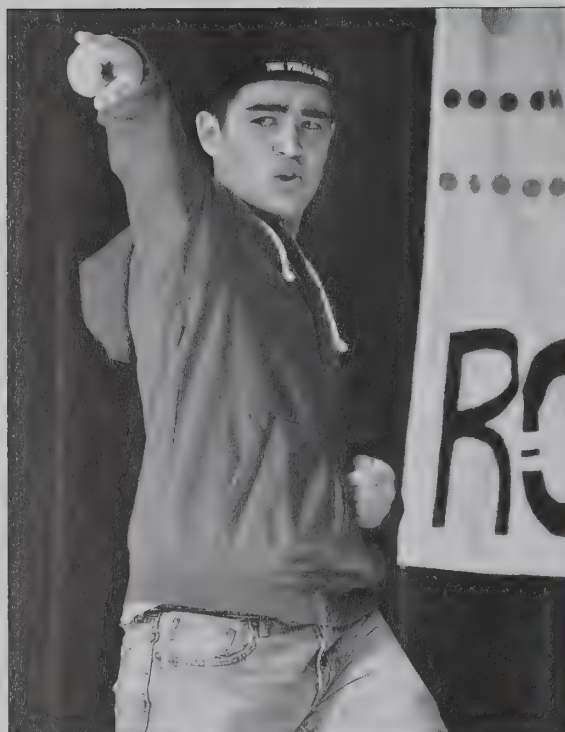


With her signature bow, sophomore Lindsey Mayper takes on Gilly's identity as she swishes across stage during Chi Omega's skit. | Natalie Christy

"Let's get ready to party!" Tackling Kristen Wiig's role from 2011's "Bridesmaids," junior Jamie Kowalczyk gets into character during Chi Omega's skit. | Natalie Christy

If looks could kill. Senior Eunice De La Torre and sophomore Alexis Howey have had enough of their sister whining about missing her cat during Phi Mu's skit. | Natalie Christy

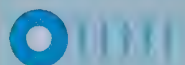
Celebrating their win for their great dance routine, the Chi O "Cardinals" — sophomores Kristen Fowler and Lindsey Mayper, juniors Kendra Chastain, Janelle Gore and Andrea Emmert and seniors Karly Lieske and Abby Hollis — claim the trophy. | Kate Sarber



Legendary moves and a confident attitude made freshman Logan Tsuji an unforgettable dancer during Tau Kappa Epsilon's routine. | Chelsea Blanton

Setting the tone for an evening of music and dancing, freshman Shannon Pins, sophomores McKala Troxler and Liz Lung, junior Michelle Sonnenberger and senior Becca Laskey do their best lip-syncing. | Kate Sarber

It's raining men! Hallelujah! Freshman Blake Serges-ketter pops open his umbrella and dances in a sudden storm of swirling blue confetti. | Kate Sarber

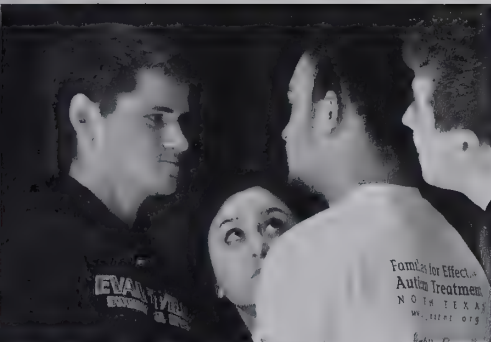


What did
you enjoy
most about
"Rock-4-
Riley?"

Growing closer to my Lambda Chi Alpha brothers was the best part. Performing on stage showed how much fun we had with the routine. | sophomore Daniel O'Brien

It was such a creative outlet for the Greeks to get together for a good cause. I looked forward to being in it every year. | senior Dev Machowiak





Senior Eunice De La Torre and junior Andrew Stewart try to break freshmen Matt Duke and Daniel Stewart's focus during an intermission game meant to make people — and the contestants — laugh. | Chelsea Blanton



A HELPING HAND

by Mackenzie Bruce

HAND

Red and blue record players lined the walls of Eykamp Hall and were surrounded by small hot air balloons. As teams came together in support of Riley Hospital for Children, Phi Mu's "Rock-4-Riley" once again showcased acts filled with quirky antics and silliness and reflected the fun-loving personality of the chapter and the philanthropy.

Each balloon represented someone a Phi Mu knew who had had a relationship with the children's hospital. Even contestants and members of the audience took time to share with the others their experiences with Riley by standing in support.

"I was a Riley child when I was younger," senior Karly Lieske said. "It was a good organization that helped children and their families in tough times. It was very near to my heart."

Six teams competed in an effort to be named the best in lip-syncing and dancing. Much like in years past, the men's teams were full of surprises.

Props were always an important part of the acts and Sigma Alpha Epsilon appeared on stage with umbrellas in hand — opening them to a flourish of blue confetti as The Weather Girls' "It's Raining Men" played in the background.

But they were not the only team to elicit shrieks of delight from the audience. When Lambda Chi Alpha took the stage to Vanil-

la Ice's "Ice Ice Baby," they zoomed by in grocery carts. But the biggest shock came when "Cooking MCs like a pound of bacon" was sung and the guys tossed handfuls of bacon to the audience.

"As soon as I saw Lambda Chi throw that bacon, my first thought as I was laughing was, 'Well, at least it wasn't water,' but then I was really hoping that they had cooked it," junior Lauren Wirth said.

Performances by Chi O "Cardinals" and Alpha Omicron Pi were also popular, and they both went to the final round with SAE and Lambda Chi.

While the men performed with as much goofiness as they normally did, Chi O captivated the judges with its talent. They took first place, while Lambda earned second and SAE third. Tau Kappa Epsilon took home the crowd-pleaser title.

"Winning was super fun but we mainly just did it to support the cause," Lieske said. "It was super exciting because we had never placed before. We thought that one of the fraternities would win instead."

The biggest winner was Riley since the event raised more than \$1,200 for its children.

"I hold Riley Children's Hospital close to my heart," Wirth said. "I got to make my favorite line of our creed, 'To lend to those less fortunate a helping hand' come to life."

by Brittany McFadden

The Legend Lives On



A dynamic duo is what you call senior Sarah McClear and sophomore Caleb Chesnut during their comical performance to Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." | Chelsea Blanton

Dancing through Eykamp Hall in glittering flapper dresses and feathered headbands, 11 contestants worked their way past the audience and tossed beaded necklaces as they went. This was the start to Sigma Alpha Epsilon's "Paddy Murphy" pageant.

The competition raised \$1,300 for the Riley Children's Foundation but also honored Paddy Murphy, a notorious Irish bootlegger and legendary SAE from the 1920s. Murphy was killed by a fraternity brother, and after the two shared the secret SAE handshake, he ordered that Murphy have an honorary funeral filled with Irish tradition.

"It was the legend of the fraternity that exemplified what brotherhood meant across the country," senior Mark Speckard said.

Even more than their legend, the brothers strived to go further in their quest to uphold their motto of "True Gentleman." They emphasized scholarship, community service, brotherhood and philanthropy, and each of these traits was part of this year's competition.

As escorts, SAEs dressed as gangsters, then chased the contestants off stage as gunshots rang out. It was then that the fraternity's event came to life, and during the runway portion, the moll names of the women vying for the title were revealed. They included Phat Girl Bottoms, Lil Coco and Hot Burgers, just to name a few.

The talent portion wowed the audience as each participant showed creativity and intellect. Some of the talent included junior Brianna Nichols signing Adele's "Hello," senior Kaylynn Carver singing Jodi Benson's "Part of Your World" in Spanish and senior Michelle Lecklider conducting a science experiment to show the change in acidity and basicness in different solutions. She won the crowd-pleaser award.

Only five contestants could move on to the final round, but it was senior Sarah McClear's answer — along with her hilarious talent routine — that wowed the judges most.

Her talent — a comical ballet with sophomore Caleb Chesnut set to Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," complete with symbols and a frilly purple tutu — won her the title.

"I really didn't know what I was going to get myself into," she said, "but I was a patient at Riley Hospital [for Children] in high school, so I thought it would be really cool to be in it."

While it was fun to work the pageant theme around the tale of their fallen mobster brother, the real fun for SAE was performing with friends and raising money for the Riley Children's Foundation.

"Riley was local," Speckard said. "It was nice to be able to support something and see its impact. Giving back to the community was an important part of being a good citizen."

What was the best thing about "Paddy Murphy?"



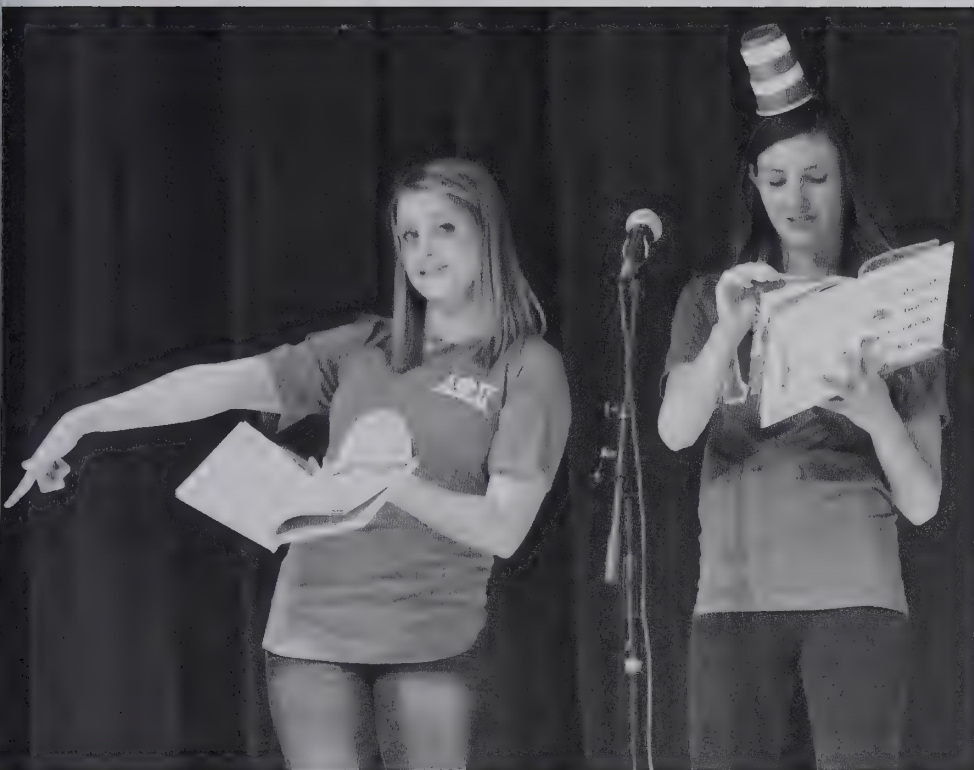
The rehearsals were fun. We got to goof off. And salsa was a relief for me, so I liked showing people something I was passionate about.

| sophomore
Amanda Alexander



I was surprised by the different talents we had on campus, especially the salsa dancing and the Spanish song performed by senior Kaylynn Carver.

| senior
Kinan Mahayni



ome are sad and some are glad. And some are very, very bad." Giving a new take on a childhood favorite, junior Katlyn Thompson shows her rapping skills by performing Dr. Seuss's "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" with the help of junior Sami Peery. | Natalie Christy



Doing her own rendition of The Axis of Awesome's "4 Chords," junior Annie Stenftenagel represents Chi Omega in the competition as sophomore Gunner Pickens accompanies her. | Natalie Christy



Sophomore Kindrea Wilson and junior Sami Peery take part in Alpha Omicron Pi's tribute to Hairspray. | Chelsea Blanton



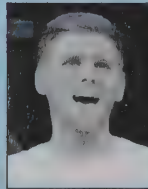
Ready for the sun, freshman Morgan Spitzer and junior Celcia Goedde groove to the beat for Alpha Omicron Pi. | Taylor Williams

What was the best part about "Sig Ep A-Go-Go?"



We worked hard to be original. It was a blast to see dances throughout the decades instead of traditional hip-hop routines.

| junior
Kaylee Hanson



A lot of hard work and time went into making "A-Go-Go," and I was excited to raise money for such a great organization.

| freshman
Cameron Robinson



Sophomore Jessica Bechman and freshmen Olivia Shoup and Natalie Christy and sophomores Kendi Klein and Madeline Stone are all smiles for Phi Mu. | Chelsea Blanton

MOVE THOSE HIPS

by Michelle Nussdorfer



Calling all the single ladies, senior Molly Chidester leads her Zeta Tau Alpha sisters in an epic dance tribute to Beyoncé during "Sig Ep A-Go-Go." The routine helped the group win first place. | Taylor Williams

Everybody loved a good throwback, and Sigma Phi Epsilon's "Sig Ep A-Go-Go" gave organizations a chance to let loose to favorite songs from any decade. Despite a time crunch in planning, Sig Ep did not disappoint in making the night a whole lot of fun.

Though only five teams were able to compete due to scheduling conflicts, the rivalry was still intense as teams brought their best moves to the dance floor.

Alpha Omicron Pi Pearls started the night and immediately won over the audience with a comic-dramatic performance featuring a rain stick for added effect. Laughter was hard to contain when the Pearls' music cut out halfway into their routine and they improvised by belting out the next verses.

While the Pearls danced to music from as far back as the 1800s, other songs were scattered across the decades. Sophomore Jacob Ball picked the theme intending to give competitors plenty of creative leeway.

"I thought, 'What was something that everyone could have a unique dance too,'" he said. "I felt the decades theme of throwing back to whenever you wanted gave teams a lot of variety to choose from."

Vintage dresses brought the perfect look to AOPi Rubies' performance of Hairspray's "Welcome to the '60s." With two teams from

both AOPi and Zeta Tau Alpha, sisters were trying to beat other sisters as well as other teams, which brought plenty of friendly competition for the popular event.

Over the years the event had established a reputation that kept crowds coming back. It had been around so long that junior Meghan Luczkowski's parents danced in "A-Go-Go."

"This was my first year in the competition so I was a little nervous," she said. "I didn't want to get stage fright."

Despite having first-timers on their team, Zeta Twerkoise impressed the crowd by dancing through the evolution of Beyoncé. Their rendition of the Queen B's moves got them the win.

"A-Go-Go" raised more than \$1,300 for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Sig Ep's freshmen topped off the night by dancing to music from the 1920s through the 2010s, losing layers of clothing along the way. With a fun and outrageous ending, the men felt the event characterized the chapter — everything from the silly to the serious.

"I got to see all the guys I lived with every day do a crazy dance on stage," Ball said. "Sig Ep wasn't so much of a joke as that seemed to be. I hoped that everyone coming together to organize an event showed a professional organization."

How much fun were the Greek Week games?



My favorite part was the games and how each sorority and fraternity was challenging another, yet it did not get too competitive.

| freshman
Madi Elpers



It was fun because I won the male victor trophy, which was subsequently taped to my chest for the remainder of the night.

| freshman
Jake Gould

by Michelle Nussdorfer

THE GAMES

As faces gritted in determination and hands burned from the pull of the rope, Greeks battled to win tug-of-war and claim points for their teams. Following a "Hunger Games" theme, Greek organizations were separated into districts that competed in field games and trivia for the title of Greek Week champions.

While at bigger universities Greek Week is intensely competitive, at UE the fraternities and sororities saw it as more of a celebration. It was a chance for Greeks to show what their letters really meant.

"Most of the year we did our own separate things," junior Nathan Wallisch said, "and this was taking a week out of the year to show campus what we really were."

The games brought everyone together as Greeks teamed up in tests of strength, agility and hand-eye coordination. Winners of tug-of-war, soccer, three-legged races and corn-hole each earned points for their district. They also competed to answer bizarre "Family Feud" style questions in one last trivia battle.

"[The games] brought everyone together — it was tradition," junior Ashley Knoblauch said. "[And the awards] were a good way to have people get to know who we were and what we stood for."

The awards ceremony highlighted the accomplishments from Greek Week as well as the year. Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Omega Zeta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon earned the championship title. And landing in third did not deter Chi Omega and Lambda Chi Alpha from being chosen as the most spirited groups.

To finish things off, junior Amanda Wischmeier from Phi Mu and freshman Jake Gould of Sigma Phi Epsilon were named male and female victors.

With the celebration of the awards and the fun of the competitions, Greek Week let the groups work together for a week of community, brotherhood and sisterhood.

"We came together from our different organizations and personalities, and we all had something that united us," Wallisch said. "We shared certain values that we lived by."



Determined and focused, sophomore Chris Rogers and freshman Charlie Ericson, Alex Russo and Nick Czartoski use all their strength as they try to win the first round for Phi Kappa Tau. | Taylor Williams



With time running out, senior Abbi Hanson of Chi Omega quickly spins a roll of let paper around sophomore Daniel O'Brien of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. | Kate Sar



Sophomore Brittney Wright gets freshman Kate Lindemann, sophomore Rachel Henrickson and juniors Abbey Stautzenberger and Megan Vickery to pull for Zeta Tau Alpha | MaKayla Seifert

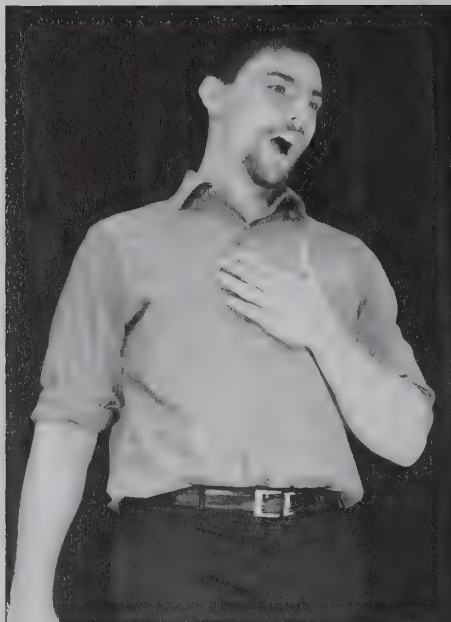
Feeling the burn, junior Nehchal Bedi, freshman Morgan Spitzer, sophomore Alyssa Gardner and freshmen Lauren Higgins and Claire Tumey put all their strength into the battle, only to come up empty handed for Alpha Omicron Pi. | Taylor Williams

After many failed attempts, junior David Busler of Tau Kappa Epsilon prepares to give his tossing skills a second chance. | Kate Sarber

Anticipating the start has senior Eunice De La Torre, freshmen Jennie Nguyen and Chelsea Gaddis and junior Amanda Wischmeier of Phi Mu ready for action. | Taylor Williams

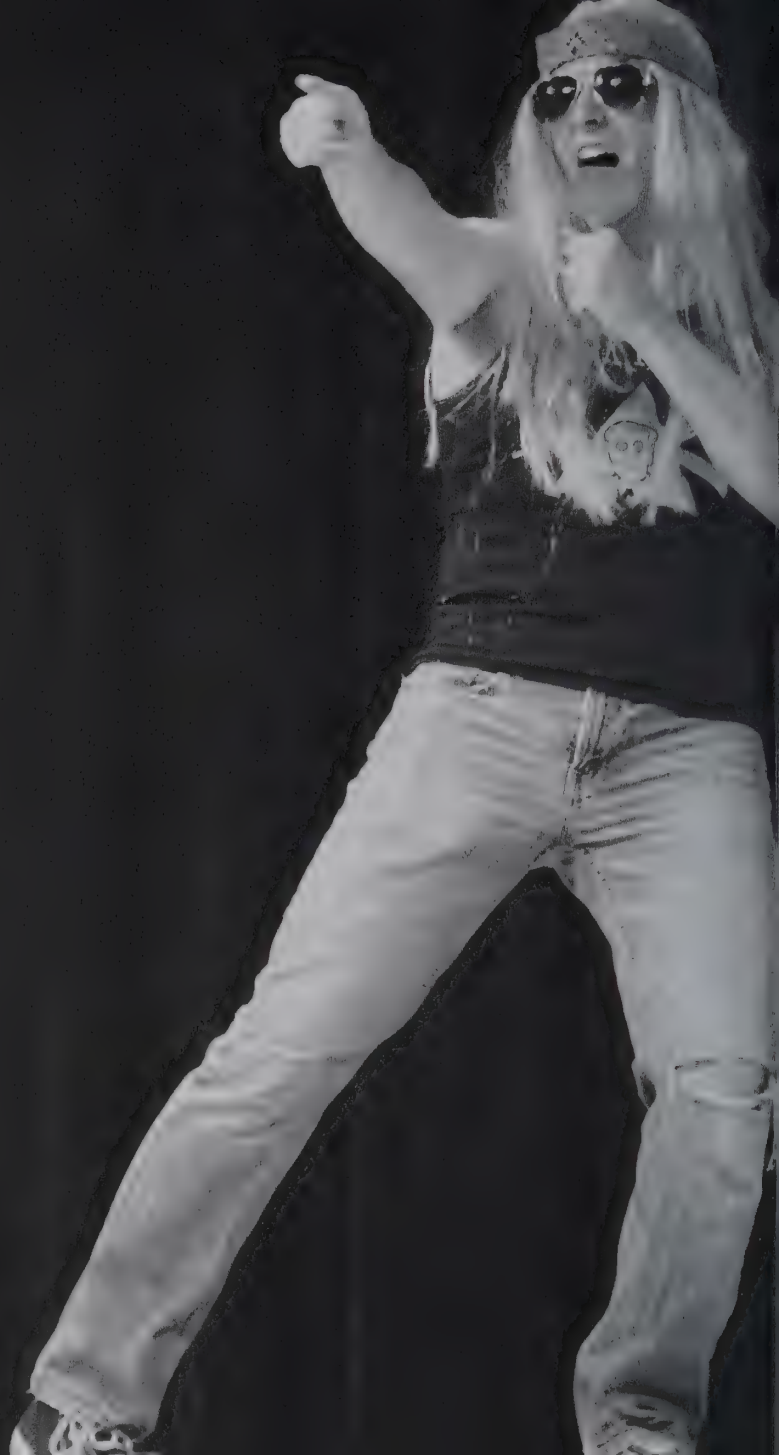


"A vote for me is a vote for cheesecake." Sophomore Chris Hartzell, representing Hughes Hall, surprises the crowd with his sophisticated cooking skills. | Justin Spellman



Even "American Idol" judges would love his talent. Senior Ian Murrell, representing Phi Mu, serenades the audience with Camelot's "If Ever Would I Leave You." | Justin Spellman

Wearing a smile as bright as his pink tutu, senior Jarrod Holman, representing Chi Omega, confesses that he only learned how to make music from water glasses earlier that day. | Kate Sarber



PASSION FOR A CURE

by Brittany McFadden & Korrin Williams

Torch in hand and dressed in a toga, senior Alex Gould rushed down the center aisle of Eykamp Hall, shouting, "Let's beat breast cancer." It was the introduction to Zeta Tau Alpha's annual "Big Man on Campus."

The most important aspect of the night was promoting breast cancer awareness. Zeta educated its audience on how important it was to find a cure through support of its national philanthropy, Think Pink.

Along with dedication to this cause, Zeta sought the noblest in its

everyday encounters. Under its motto, the women exemplified values of serving, leading and achieving.

"My favorite part was helping out the women who were planning," senior Madeline Smith said, "watching them grow and building relationships both personal and professional."

That idea shone at BMOC as a large crowd came to support the cause. Testosterone ruled the stage as 14 men danced to lively songs and altogether entertained the audience.

Among various performances,

sophomore Chris Hartzell, representing Hughes Hall, showed how to make a cheesecake, and representing Sigma Phi Epsilon, junior Chris Brumley's tap dance to Kanye West's "No Church in the Wild" was captivating.

"It was a chance for me to make tap dancing look cool," he said. "And it was a side I didn't get to show often."

Judges picked five finalists, and while each was posed a question related to breast cancer, Brumley again won over the judges. When asked

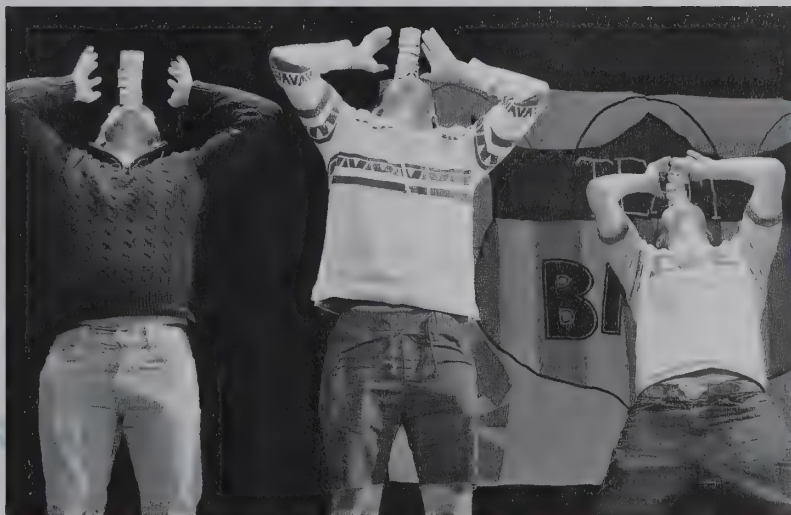
what he would give to find a cure, he selflessly answered knowledge, money and his life. With that, he won the "BMOC" title, while sophomore Zach Reiff, representing Tau Kappa Epsilon, earned the Mr. Think Pink crowd pleaser title.

Zeta donated more than \$4,200 to breast cancer awareness, again showing how dedicated the group was to its philanthropy.

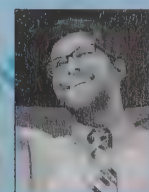
"I loved knowing that through our efforts, we would one day find a cure," senior Molly Chidester said

Lip-syncing his way through the talent round, junior Andrew Stewert, representing Phi Kappa Tau, rocks out to David Glen Eisley's "Sweet Victory." | Kate Sarber

Competition is tough between sophomores Jacob Ball and Michael Mannchen and 2015 alumnus Matthew Brown as they try to balance six Zebra Cakes to win a prize. | Chelsea Blanton



I really had a lot of fun with the dance. We didn't know what we were going to do, but when we started, it just clicked. | senior Robbie Graninger



I loved that there was an adrenaline rush when you showed the audience a side of you people had not seen. | junior Chris Brumley

What was most entertaining about "BMOC"?

academic LIFE

Despite everything that came under the umbrella of “the college experience,” we all knew the old saying — academics came first. No matter how much we dreaded general education courses, complained about tests or wanted to skip just one more time, we had to go to class. But class was where we learned

more than course material. We got a different kind of experience, one with hands-on learning with professors who knew our passions. We found projects that made us work harder and aim higher — or we found subjects we’d never have to study again. No matter what, we realized **there’s much more to academics.**



Students are in high spirits as freshmen Allyssa Elpers and Lindsey Barnes place sensors on freshman Morgan Hudson during Exercise & Sport Science 118, “Human Anatomy,” lab. Junior Kat Slater and freshman Morgan Florey watch their giggling classmates. | Natalie Christy



Gently cupping the dead frog in his hand, senior Jarrod Holman carefully slices through its tissue during a Biology 427, “Animal Physiology,” lab. | Natalie Christy



It is always interesting to bring the past to life. Juniors Emily Corrigan and Rebecca Webb and sophomore Anna Ahrens meticulously scrutinize the Earth and record their findings of the area known as “Tin City” in the hopes of finding remarkable treasures during Archaeology 340. | Monica Morales



As they concentrate on the sheet music during a Symphony Orchestra rehearsal, junior Natsumi Yamada and sophomore Emily Magary also pay attention to the conducting of Jessica Morel, visiting assistant professor of music and orchestra director. | Monica Morales



Senior Anna Witt takes full advantage of the reopening of the Bower-Suhrheinrich Library and settles in to pour over some class notes late into the night. | Chelsea Blanton

learning **ABOUT OURSELVES**

by Mackenzie Bruce

As freshman, we either had the next four years mapped out or had no stinking idea what we were doing. It didn't take us long to recognize our naivete as we stumbled through courses we sometimes hadn't even selected ourselves. Whether we switched majors, learned to love general education courses or completely changed career paths, we learned a lot along the way.

"What's your major?" was a common

your major] that [meant] you were indecisive," she said. "Admitting that you had to change was one of the most mature things you could do as a person."

Senior B.J. Miller felt a similar sense of relief when he changed from chemistry to neuroscience. While his career path didn't change much — from medical to pharmacy school — it was the addition of a Spanish minor that got Miller out of his shell.

conversation starter, and it seemed like you were judged if you didn't have one. But a lot of students changed or added majors. They also discovered minors that enhanced their studies because the courses pushed them outside their comfort zones.

"After freshman year, I changed a lot and my perspective changed, which was kind of scary because you came in thinking, 'I'm not going to change my major; I'm not going to be one of those people,'" senior Isabelle Smith said. "But a lot of people did, and that was OK."

Smith started as a bio-chemistry major, but after a business course, she discovered she'd rather be around people than test tubes. While she stuck with chemistry, she also added business administration and a math minor and was much happier.

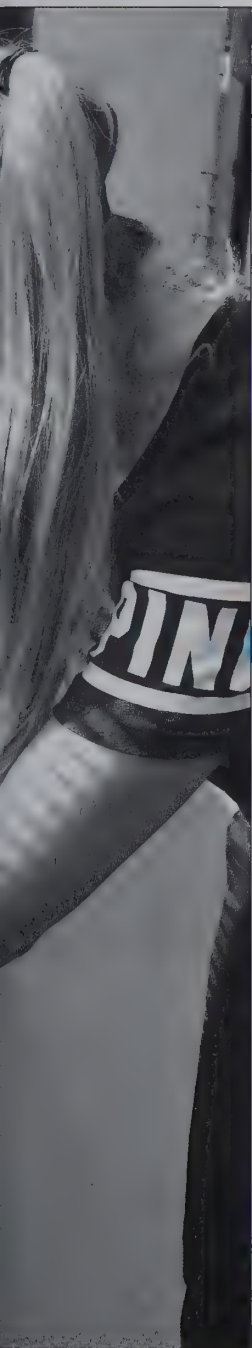
"There was a stigma behind [changing

"I think Spanish was really where I pushed myself academically," he said. "It was so far outside my comfort zone. I didn't like talking in public. Those courses, at least for Spanish, were the ones I was happiest I took, that I progressed the most in."

Many of us realized the courses that pushed us the most also improved our academic experience. We probably would not have learned quite as much about ourselves and our passions if we hadn't been smart enough to push ourselves.

"It was important to diversify your academic portfolio," Smith said, "because if you only had a one-track mind or a one-track course load, you wouldn't have been able to have intellectual conversations with people in those majors. Because you could be smart in one subject, but what about everything else?"





With her protective gear on, she is ready to go. Careful not to spill a single drop of the liquid, sophomore Alyssa Gardner measures the amount of fluid she is pouring into her beaker during Chemistry 118, "Principles of Chemistry," lab. | Natalie Christy

Double the luck for sophomore Hiliary Ward as she gets to roll her dice twice in a row during Accounting 210's "Monopoly" exercise. | Monica Morales

Better safe than sorry. Ensuring that everything is tight and secure, sophomore Connor Micklo prepares the filtration process. | Natalie Christy

With fingers set and bows ready, freshmen Brannon Castellano and junior Betsy Morrow follow the sheet music. | Monica Morales

Careful not to place too much pressure on the clay, sophomore Jessie Pemberton pinches the upper lip of the spout. | Natalie Christy

Testing his grip strength, freshman Jonathan Mitchell makes a fist as freshmen Arlen Magelitz and Scott Bentley record the data. | Natalie Christy

dirt lovers TOIL IN THE TRENCHES

by Michelle Nussdorfer

The thuds of small picks hitting the ground rang out as students in Archaeology 340, "Field Techniques," dug into the past. Excavation experience was critical for careers, and students were excited to dig deep enough to find artifacts from Tin City's time period.

"It was like professionally playing in the dirt," junior Titianna Folsom said.

The class excavated at the site between Krannert and Moore halls, the location of 13 aluminum-sided barracks built for post-World War II veterans who attended Evansville College. Students worked meticulously with picks and trowels to uncover pieces like a tricycle pedal and child's barrette.

In her trench at the back of the

site, senior Raeanna Wood dug around a protruding piece of glass, which matched a series of broken pieces she had found. She also researched numbers on the glass's base to find out they were pieces of an old Coca-Cola bottle.

"It took a little bit of detective work," she said.

On a trip to Vectren Conservation Park, students learned how to research a site before beginning excavation. These trips made for impressive applications to fieldwork after graduation. Students also became more observant because of the course.

"I was able to look at a piece of land and tell if there had been any human activity in the past," Wood said excitedly.



Sophomore McKayla Hochstetler and Christine Lovasz-Kaiser, World Cultures adjunct professor, uncover more about Tin City's past residents. | Monica Morales



As if nothing was ever uncovered, junior Madie Mettler pours buckets of soil back into the ditches, marking an end to Tin City exploration. | Monica Morales



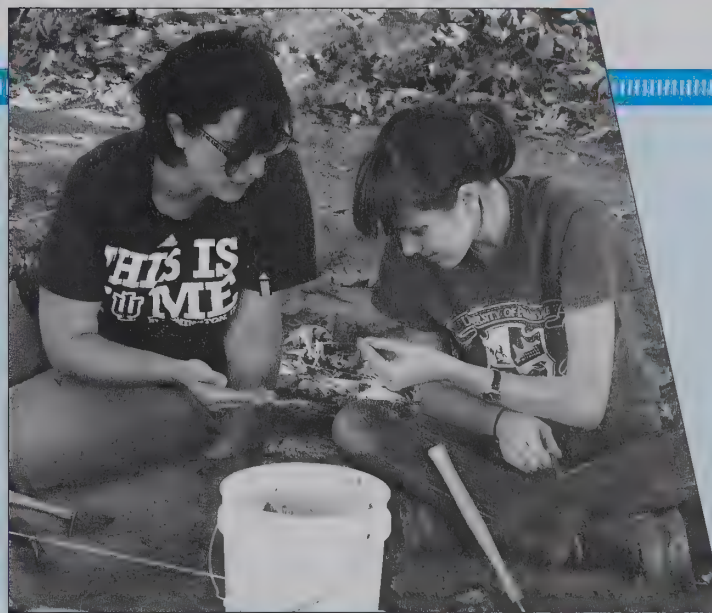
Junior Titianna Folsom dusts the soil from the excavation site trying to find clues. | Monica Morales



Measuring and dusting particles are essential deeds for archaeologists. Working as a team, junior Lizzie Flora and senior Brittany Guerrette dedust the ground searching for mysteries that might have been left behind. | Monica Morales

You gotta love the dirt, and you always wanted to know as much as you possibly could before you even went into the field. You never wanted to be surprised.

■ senior Raeanna Wood



Looks can be deceiving. Junior Stephanie Marcotte and Emily Wilderman, Enrollment Services administrative assistant, examine rocks that might hide important evidence from the past. | Monica Morales



Some people may have a fear of rats, but sophomore Keeton Mayes certainly does not. In the lab, she comes into contact with the furry critters regularly – her only problem is getting them to sit still. | Chelsea Blanton



by Michelle Nussdorfer

making research GRATIFYING



though she is definitely not ready to take one home to keep, junior Nehchal Bedi cannot help but be in-
d by the rats as she observes their cycles of addiction and withdrawal. | Chelsea Blanton

re honestly really sweet!" Dealing with animals can sometimes be difficult, but junior Kay Sheets and
B.J. Miller enjoy the work they do every day in the lab. On top of their research, they clean, feed and
or each of the 48 rats that serve as test subjects. | Chelsea Blanton

Waking up at 5 a.m. to handle a bunch of oversized rats did not seem to be the ideal morning activity. But the five students who worked in the Behavioral Neuroscience Lab actually signed up for it.

Spending long hours in the lab and receiving no course credit, senior B.J. Miller and four other students did it for the sake of science.

"Undergraduate research was super important," he said. "If you didn't have it, you would have a really hard time," he said.

With the help of 48 rodents, the group researched the addictiveness of sugar versus artificial sweeteners such as Splenda and Sweet'n'Low. Miller came up with the research idea based on what he thought were some people's assumption that sugar and artificial sweeteners were as addictive as cocaine.

Using the rats as test subjects, the students could see just how addictive a substance was by measuring a rat's anxiety level once that substance was removed from its diet. Rats addicted to sweeteners

were compared to a control group and another group addicted to nicotine. The more addicted rats usually stayed closer to the walls of their enclosures.

Rats were the best human models available to students, but they required plenty of maintenance. Miller said he did not realize how much time he and the others would spend cleaning cages, weighing rats and making sugar solutions.

But some, like sophomore Keeton Mayes, found the routine work was a stress reliever, and each student was willing to do the extra work that was preparation for post-graduation research projects.

"We kind of had an idea of what we were getting ourselves into," Miller said.

While the lab work was a serious time commitment, it gave students the research hopefully needed for graduate school admission. And not only did these students gain valuable experience, they also got publishable results that could be applied to the world of science.

The rats get nervous when you go to pick them up. But when they are in water, they aren't nervous at all. In fact, they swim over to you if you lay your hand out. It's really cute.

■ junior
Kay Sheets

s the tension-testing machine stretched the metal, students in Mechanical Engineering 330, "Materials Lab," knew what to expect — they had done similar tests before. But that did not prepare them for the screech of the metal as the alloy snapped in half.

"It was like trying not to jump when a gun fired," junior Torsten Maier said.

The lab introduced students to the many characteristics of the materials they would use as professionals. They performed experiments on objects ranging from metals to plastics to test properties such as bendability, tension, strength and hardness.

And they experienced first-hand the way substances reacted under

many different circumstances.

"I liked how the class was very hands-on," junior Jarod Sparks said. "We were the ones doing the labs and running the machinery."

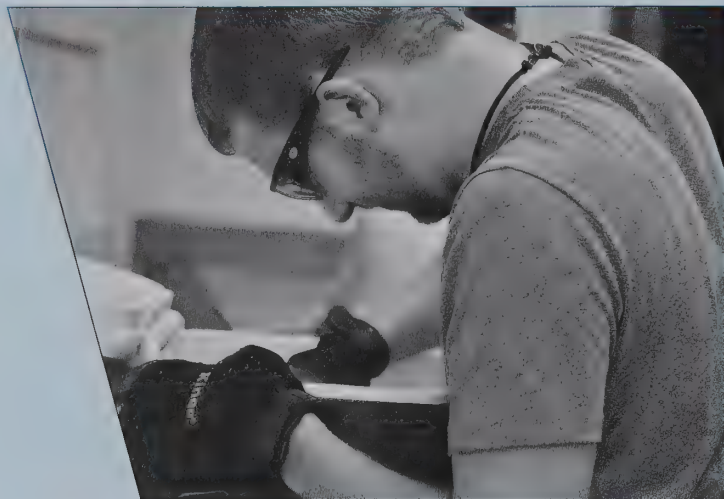
Some found impact testing to be the most entertaining experiment, probably because it involved breaking objects by dropping a giant hammer on them.

Essentially, the students learned how to tear stuff up. They discovered which elements would hold up the best under various stresses, which would be useful for students when making their own designs. For those less excited with the practical aspects of the course, one thing kept them coming back:

"I cannot overemphasize the fun in breaking things," Maier said.

testing, BREAKING & DISCOVERING

by Sam Petitjean



Pulling from a cooler of dry ice, junior Jarod Sparks retrieves the next test subject for the impact trials performed in the materials lab. | Chelsea Blanton



After a few adjustments are made, juniors Alexander Conn and Andrew Gallagher are ready to start observing their materials experiment. | Chelsea Blanton



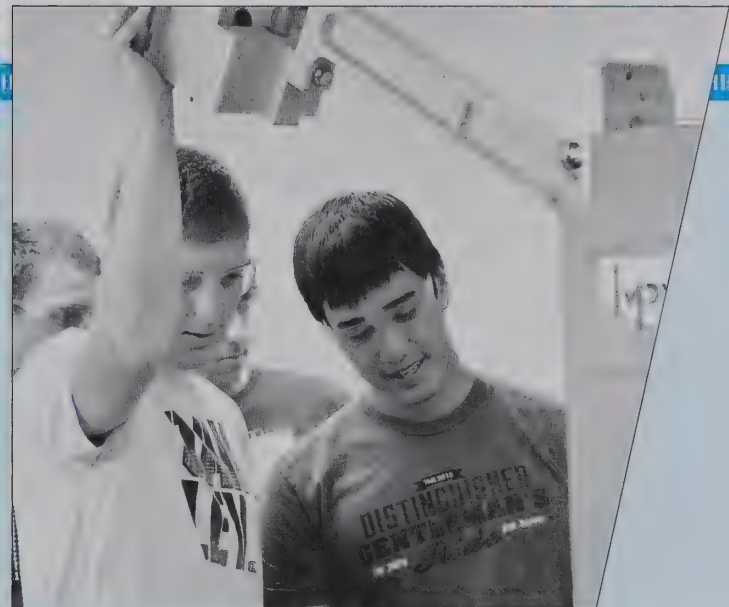
Junior Braden Jones takes on the important role of recorder during the impact tests. | Chelsea Blanton



Every engineer needs to know how mechanisms work. Senior Austin Cibulka keeps a watchful eye as he observes each of the impact tests being performed on several different metal samples that varied in temperature. | Chelsea Blanton

When someone designs a building, they think, 'it's going to need four walls and a roof.' This course made us consider what materials those walls had to be made of to hold up that roof.

■ junior Jarod Sparks



Observation is key for this experiment. Juniors Jordan Enright and Robert Browder prepare to record the results of each impact on the metal. | Chelsea Blanton

by Korrin Williams

every step OF THE WAY

Athletic trainers were always on the sidelines in case something happened. Their job was about ensuring the health and safety of student-athletes. They dedicated hours to training and provided athletes with the help they needed.

"I could not imagine spending 1,328 hours doing something else," senior Sarah Cheatham said. "I learned so much and met so many people. It was rewarding to see [them] grow into better, stronger athletes."

When an athlete was in pain or needed help recovering from an injury, AT majors served as the backbone to their recovery. Whether they needed to be stretched out, iced or have heat applied to a muscle, athletic trainers were there every step of the way. Their hands-on approach and interaction with the athletes helped the process of healing run much smoother.

"They could confide in us," Cheatham said. "We were a go-between the athletes and the coaches. Mentally they never thought they would be able to overcome their injuries, but knowing

that you played a role in their recovery was really rewarding."

Depending on what team you were assigned to, the injuries varied anywhere from an ache to a sprain. The techniques AT's used to treat the injuries were directly applied from the courses they were taking.

"You got to see the stages of rehab and directly apply what you learned in class to help each athlete and actually see it happen and be hands-on with it," sophomore Chandler Riem said.

Each day on the job was a reward, especially with the added benefit of so much experience. Having the opportunity to work so closely with athletes and knowing them on a more personal level was what made athletic training worth the while.

"We laughed together and talked about what the person's day was going to be like," Riem said. "It seemed like an on-the-field job, but it was a little more encompassing than that. It was always fun because you went in never knowing what to expect."

We were there to support them. If they went down we were not as concerned, only if they didn't get back up. There was always things of gauze and bandages in our pockets.

■ senior Sarah Cheatham



Stretching every muscle, sophomore Elle Wirick helps to strengthen junior Cesar Guitunga's ankle by working on its flexibility. | Taylor Williams



“My whole body is a knot.” Junior Drew Hollman uses his strength and knowledge to loosen the muscles in Miguel Marciano’s legs after a strenuous men’s soccer team practice. Sometimes it takes multiple sessions to get all the kinks out. | Taylor Williams

That’s a wrap. Junior Kaylee Hanson takes some time to practice on sophomore Chandler Riem. | MaKayla Seifert

Junior Kaitlyn Hollman is a bit amused as she places an ice pack on freshman Kyle Brown after he kicked another

player during men’s soccer practice. | Taylor Williams

Teaching something new, senior Megan Montgomery demonstrates how to realign the hips with sophomore Elizabeth Perkins. | MaKayla Seifert





It was enlightening and empowering, knowing how to walk through a case study because it was real-world study. It was much like when you were in a clinic. This is what you had to do.

■ senior Elizabeth Coons



Having already studied the human skeleton and the muscular, vascular and nervous systems, junior Lexie Barr prepares senior Shelbi Kirby for a round of therapy. | Natalie Christy



Physical therapists and those majoring in physical therapy assistance deal with patients who suffer from all kinds of injuries. Junior Lauren Crane practices the necessary procedure for an older patient who has injured her foot. | Natalie Christy

learning TO LESSEN THEIR PAIN

by Brittany McFadden

lad in sports bras and T-shirts and lying on examination tables, it was just another day in class. In Physical Therapy 101, "Patient Care Skills and Interventions," students acted as one another's patients to practice care and procedure.

The course taught skills such as electrostimulation and ultrasound. Whether it was during class, an internship or a field trip, these aspiring therapists knew the importance of interacting with clients.

"When you saw a patient, at first they were going to be in pain," senior Elizabeth Coons said. "The first thing a clinician did was reduce the pain and improve their state."

Not only did they learn how to lessen pain, students also had to

be comfortable professionally. The more students practiced on one another, the more accustomed they became to the idea of working with clients.

"When we were actually working with each other, we were cautious at first," junior Daya Devanathan said, "and it took us a while to form bonds."

Experience outside the classroom also provided practice. Field trips allowed them to learn new procedures and use equipment unavailable at UE. But after hours of coursework and practice, everyone felt prepared to test their skills.

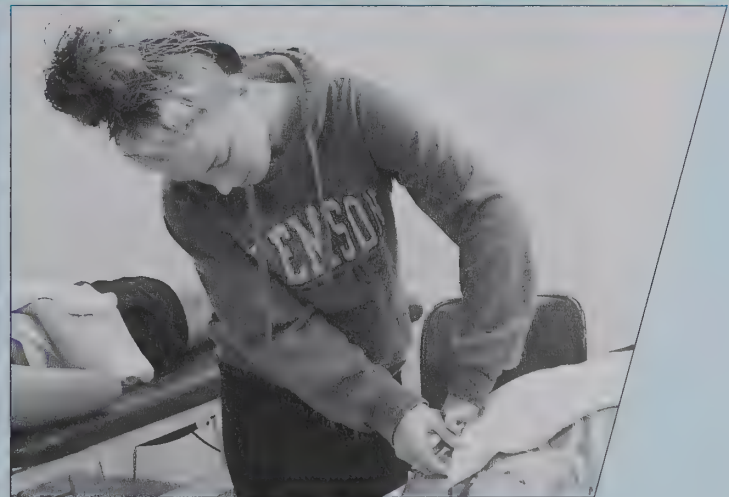
"At the end of the day, we were professionals and we had to improve patient health and quality of life," Devanathan said.



As Rachel Lane ensures that the foot stays where it needs to be as she applies treatment. | Natalie Christy



Lab is all about practice. Junior Meghan Eckart learns that massage helps to heal wounds as she practices on sophomore Ryan Albertson. | Natalie Christy



As her classmate lies on the examination table, junior Abby Anderson practices preparing her patient for a physical therapy session. | Natalie Christy

building POTENTIAL

by Korrin Williams

Efficiency was the goal of any engineer, but for UE's chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, it was impacting students by giving them room for innovation. The group provided an opportunity for local elementary, middle and high school students to learn about engineering each year at the Bal-sa Wood Bridge Building Contest.

While ASCE supplied the materials, competitors did the rest. They were judged on overall weight and efficiency of their bridges, but the trickiest part was creatively designing a framework to create successful model bridges.

"The whole process was academic yet fun," sophomore Meredith Se-crest said. "It taught kids to go through the processes of design and thinking, ex-panding their knowledge as a whole."

The program also served as a way to teach the younger generation the impor-tance of time management while bal-ancing the project with schoolwork.

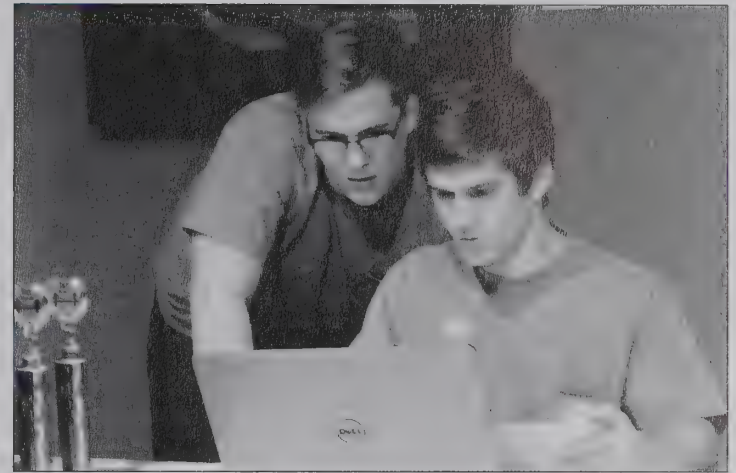
"It helped them while continuing on with their schoolwork," freshman Justin Trevino said. "It took a lot of time and ef-fort. It was a practice in preciseness and calculated efforts."

Members did more to support aspir-ing engineers than just sponsor the con-test. They provided connections that contributed to the future success of stu-dents. Hosting speakers along with events like the competition provided ear-ly exposure to the field.

"ASCE was a group of engineers that came together to improve engineering standards and code of ethics," Trevino said. "It provided an overall guide."

Whether just starting first grade or al-ready seeking an engineering degree, the contest helped prepare anyone who sought a future engineering career.

"I thought engineering was an impor-tant field," Secrest said. "There were al-ways new ideas. It showed what genera-tions to come were capable of."



Tallying the score, fresh-men Nick Stafford and Jacob Slick see which bridges fell under the pressure of the weights.
| Taylor Williams



To officially begin the competition, freshman Justin Trevino carefully tests the weight bearing ability of the contest's first bridge.
| Chelsea Blanton

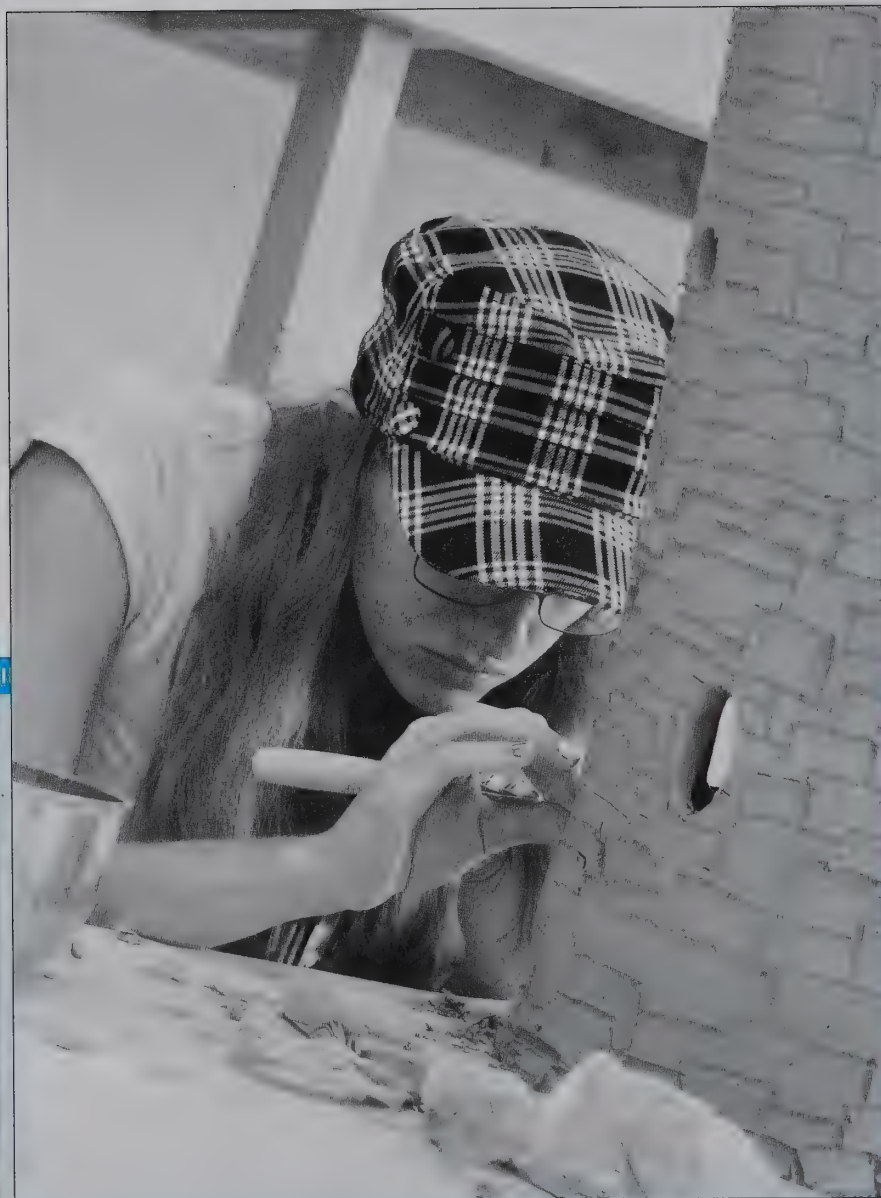


I really enjoyed it, but I hadn't taken ceramics since high school, so it was really hard. I often wanted to throw clay at the ceiling, but it was a lot of getting to do what we liked.

■ junior Alexis Peterman



Gently using her fingers to shape the sculpture and her feet to power the wheel, junior Grace Guarniere creates a clay cylinder. | Natalie Christy



Using what she sees in a photo as her inspiration, senior Kellsie Phillips creates her own version of the towering structure, which includes texture and having a steady hand. | Natalie Christy

Inspiration, EXPERIMENT & EXPRESSION

y Michelle Nussdorfer

Despite their sore, dry, clay-caked hands, students in Art 360, "Ceramics," created projects that displayed their personalities.

They were given the freedom to be creative, but the fun only came after techniques were developed. Students spent many hours on the wheel learning to craft clay into workable projects. For one assignment, students researched their pasts before making coil pots influenced by items from their heritage.

Junior Grace Guarniere showcased her love for "Game of Thrones" by transforming her coil pot to include lupine paws and sharp teeth.

"You could make your own rendition every single time," she said. Ordinary ceramics tools were

left behind in the effort to create original pieces. Junior Alexis Peterman collected tree bark and helicopter seeds to press into her clay. The inspiration came from a trip to Hawaii and the result was a piece with a unique texture.

"While I was sitting there I could let my mind wander and it was a release," she said.

The process for making each piece was painstakingly long, and there was the constant pressure to be precise so projects wouldn't have to be redone.

"It taught me that art was a bunch of mistakes that you just justified," Guarniere said. "The imperfections were what made it perfect and you could add that philosophy to anything in life."



Small intricate strokes, sophomore Dillon Wire crafts his ceramic piece. | Natalie Christy



It is all about the curve. Using a piece of cardboard as a makeshift ruler, senior Grace Bush carefully measures the arch of her bowl. | Natalie Christy



Scoring and positioning another loop onto her pot, senior Kelly Carson tries to add different elements and dimensions to her creation. | Natalie Christy

never-ending CONNECTIONS

by Magda Sokalski

As crushing college debt loomed, students scrambled to find jobs to pay them. But for those in Delta Sigma Pi, that scramble was less chaotic since the professional business fraternity created an environment dedicated to helping its members find their dream jobs.

"My favorite thing was how we all connected each other and thought about each other with the job market," junior Hassan Taki Eddin said.

Members never hesitated to tell one another when a great opportunity came up, helping one another to become successful. It even helped Taki Eddin network and land an internship.

Delta Sig also provided events where members had the opportunity to listen to key Evansville business leaders, gaining not only knowledge in their field but connections that members like freshman Tighen Tindel were able to utilize.

"I already had business cards from different people," she said.

Connections moved further than just Evansville. Sophomore Amber Stull attended a Delta Sig conference and met members from across the country. Taki Eddin also felt the organization moved beyond UE's small campus.

"It was nice to be part of such a strong society, fraternity, that was so nationally spread," he said. "You could find someone wherever you went."

Aside from the business aspects, Delta Sig hosted volunteer events and members bonded through social events such as hiking or playing card games.

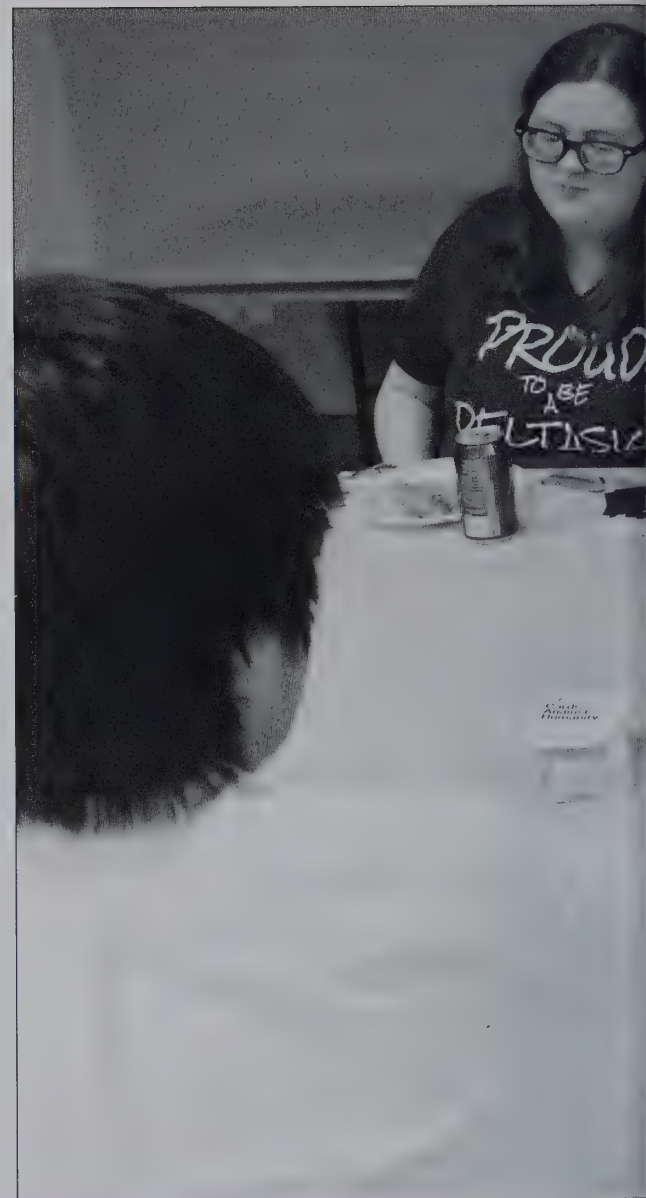
But the most exciting activity for many was the behind-the-scenes tour of the Ford Center before members cheered on the Evansville IceMen. It was in events like these that created the connections members appreciated.

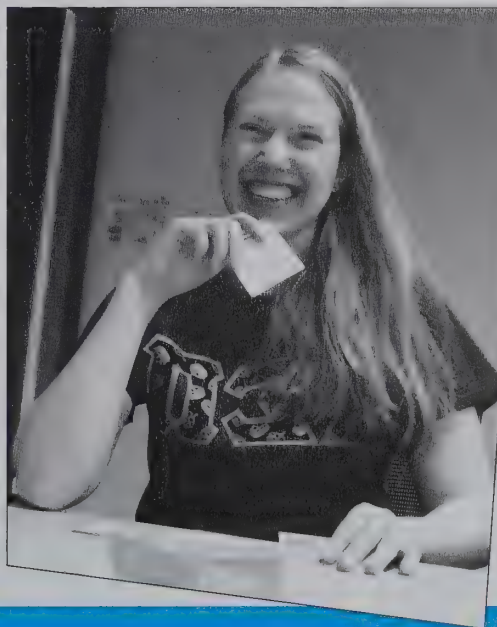
"We were very much business people, but we also were still very much a brotherhood," Tindel said. "It was like a family."

We were all very goal-oriented, driven people who all had different goals, but we all had the same work ethic to try and reach those goals.

■ junior

Hassan Taki Eddin





As game night gets underway, freshman Stephanie Cruz and sophomore Chris Hartzell chat for a bit before grabbing some pizza. | Kate Sarber

With explicit yet hilarious themes, Cards Against Humanity cracks-up freshman Lindsay Langstaff. | Kate Sarber

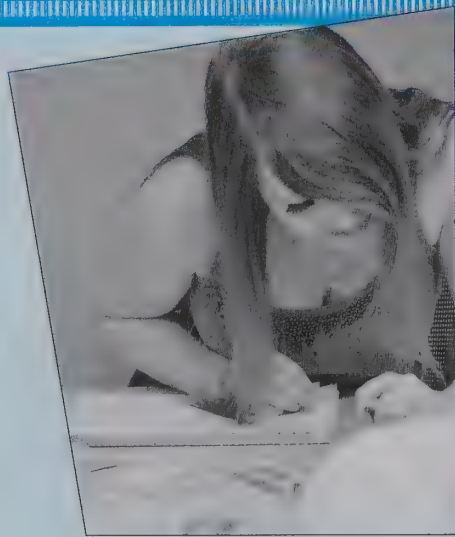
With her options limited, freshman Peighton Tindle has to make a tough choice on what card to play this round. | Kate Sarber

Choosing carefully, junior Pooh Dardarananda hands over his cards to sophomore Amber Stull. Whomever appeals to her sense of humor may be the winner. | Kate Sarber

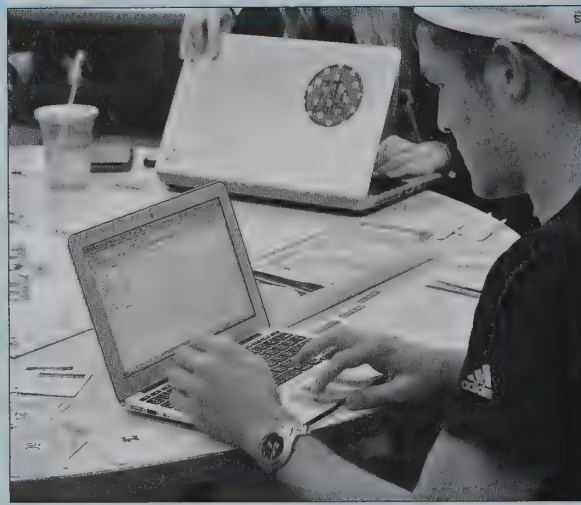
Judging this round, sophomore Gabe James reads off his choices as sophomore Nick Riffel awaits the decision. | Kate Sarber

hands-on LEARNING BENEFITS ALL

by Korrin Williams



Freshman Darian Dowell carefully reviews her data to avoid any miscalculations. | Monica Morales



As the game comes to an end, sophomore Caleb Williams makes sure to verify and include all of his data. | Monica Morales

Most students had played “Monopoly” at some point in their lives and probably even fought over the best game piece to use or felt like a winner when they passed “Go.” But many never realized the game could have a practical use.

Anyone who signed up for Accounting 210, “Principles of Accounting I,” knew that playing “Monopoly” was a normal part of the course. The game — and the course — innovatively prepared students for real-life situations by introducing them to the art of financial decision-making.

In addition to using the game’s traditional rules, groups of students played until they made at least 15 transactions. With calculators in hand, spreadsheets open on laptops and money arranged accordingly, the game began.

“The concepts could be applied to your life,” senior Miah Washington said. “It gave us a break from lectures but still taught us typical financial processes. You had to build off the simple things in order for it to all come together.”

Regardless of students’ areas of interest, accounting was useful. Whether they majored in finance, engineering, physics or art, knowing about accounting was something that could be carried beyond everyone’s college years.

And “Monopoly’s” hands-on approach allowed students to take actions like renting property and investing in utilities to efficiently show how to manage money.

There was also one universal thing every student learned.

“Gotta spend money to make money,” sophomore Logan Ives said.

The “Monopoly” assignment was only one of the numerous ways business majors learned what they needed to learn. The School of Business Administration worked hard to ensure the success of every student entering the various disciplines offered and provided hands-on exposure to real-life situations.

“Aside from taking your regular courses that prepared you for the work world, you got to be involved in group projects and take on personal projects,” senior Jonathan Omere said. “They helped prepare you for the business world.”

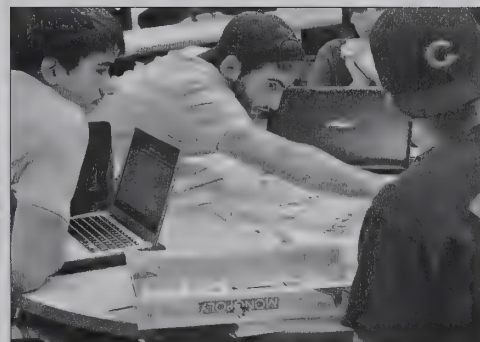
Depending on who you asked, one of those projects, the GAP Program, was either a blessing or a curse — or in some cases, a little of both.

“Our project originally started out simple, then became complex because our supervisors kept asking for more in a little amount of time,” sophomore Marks Cannon said. “As a group, we had to get together to accomplish this huge task, which benefited us as a group and made things more flexible.”

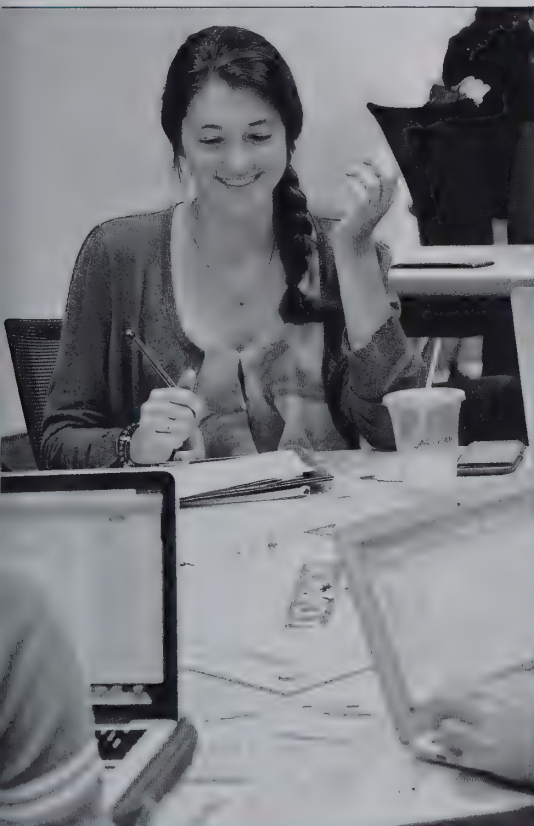
Students finished the school year with unmatched knowledge. Aside from learning simple business concepts and taking courses that required textbooks, business majors were also seeing the world from an ever-evolving perspective.

GAP provides opportunities for students to get hands-on experience with Evansville companies. Students act as consultants and solve real-world business problems.

■ senior Jonathan Omere



As she watches her classmates, junior Caroline Shea plans her next move to keep them from monopolizing her moves. | Monica Morales



As the progress of her peers discourages her, sophomore Amanda Alexander gets a smile on her face as she plans her next move. | Monica Morales



Sophomores Daniel O'Brien and Jacob Wilkerson watch sophomore Prescott Marcy as he makes his move. | Monica Morales

Trying to make the monopoly, senior William Miller loses no time in buying up as many properties as he can. Meanwhile, senior Miah Washington jots down her own transactions so she doesn't fall behind as freshman Korrin Williams watches the game unfold. | Monica Morales



Just that paint could do that to your face and make it look like someone else was really crazy. You looked at the mirror every day and then you were suddenly someone else.

■ junior McKenna Ceci



Angles are everything for juniors Aaron Evans and Ivy Karlsgodt. They twist and turn to get the perfect angle to paint lines on their face. | MaKayla Seifert



Does she look 21 or 55? Going back and forth between her book and the mirror, junior McKenna Ceci paints lines on her face to mimic those in the instruction book. She tries to age herself using only stage makeup. | MaKayla Seifert

faces BECOME CANVASES

/ Michelle Nussdorfer

usty coal miners, wrinkly senior citizens and living period paintings all came and went at the stroke of a brush. In Theater 225, "Makeup," getting practical experience meant painting over the familiar to create something new.

"It was all about learning how to manipulate your own face to make it look like someone else's," junior McKenna Ceci said.

By applying makeup in the right spots, students gave themselves a new face with each project. For one project they painted half of their face to look chubby and the other to look thin. For another, they painted each other to resemble the portraits of old masters, styled with colors and brushstrokes.

"In old paintings all the red has

faded and everyone looks yellow and pale," junior Ivy Karlsgodt said. "That was what made it look like a period painting."

Students worked from new inspiration every class. A total transformation with hair and makeup was difficult to accomplish in 50 minutes, but the challenge was made fun by the laid-back mood.

They also assembled a portfolio with photos and steps to aid in future improvement. Ceci expected to use her experience with aging makeup as a young actress likely to play characters of various ages.

"It was a lot different than any other design class," she said. "We were all learning together even though we were all at different skill levels."



re blending, sophomores Renee Voteau and Kevin
kin check their lines for mistakes. | MaKayla Seifert



Using her face as a blank canvas, senior Kendall Reasons channels her inner Pablo
Picasso painting perfect lines with poise and precision. | MaKayla Seifert



Using varying shades of makeup and line lengths, senior Kylie Jones and junior Jo-
seph Schwalb create age lines. | MaKayla Seifert

play with a PASSION

by Michelle Nussdorfer

Sticking on furry mustaches and strumming coat hangers and broomsticks, organizations showcased their inner rock stars at Sigma Alpha Iota's "Air Band Competition." It was SAI's third year hosting this zany battle of the bands to raise money while spreading the fraternity's love for music.

"You know how you sang into a hairbrush or grabbed a broom for a guitar?" senior Clorissa Orrick said. "That was basically 'Air Band.'"

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Phi Kappa Tau and Zeta Tau Alpha gave their best impersonations to win the hearts of the audience. The two fraternities competed for the most laughs while Zeta performed in style, donning flower necklaces and mustaches for their rendition of The Beach Boys' "Kokomo."

"It was really funny to see people that I knew perform on stage," junior Kelsey Fields said. "It was really cool to see them all bond that way."

Being silly on stage was worth it in order to raise money for a good cause. Sinfonia took first place and

the event raised almost \$300 for People-to-People, a program that provided music materials to low-funded schools.

The money also supported Bold Notes, a philanthropy that held personal significance for SAI. One of the fraternity's music majors was able to graduate with the help of enlarged sheet music provided by Bold Notes for those with visual impairment. It was this passion for helping others and sharing through music that made the group so tight-knit.

"It just made me very happy to know that we were helping people," Fields said.

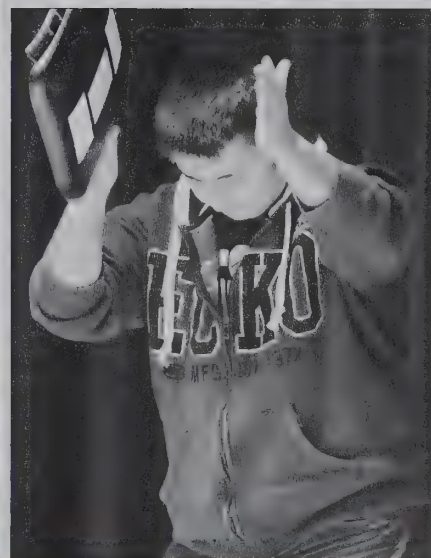
Even in meetings, members were there for support just as much as music. Being part of the group and hosting "Air Band" was simply a chance for the women to share a connection through music and have fun lip-syncing to favorite songs.

"Even though it was an extra music responsibility, I didn't think of it as homework," senior Alexandra Billhartz said. "I truly enjoyed it. It was something I looked forward to."

The people in SAI were my favorite part. I liked that it was not limited to music majors. It was our passion for music that linked us together.

■ junior
Kelsey Fields





Their fake instruments only help freshmen Adam Smith and junior Rene Perez to rock out as they perform The Beatles' "Day Tripper." | Troy Burger

Now we're rockin'! Grooving to the music, senior Gilbert Sanchez finds his trash can lid is the perfect way to keep the beat. | Troy Burger

All it takes is a throwback song and a broomstick guitar for senior Jessica Collins to summon her inner girl band. | Chelsea Blanton

Freshmen Charlie Ericson and Justin Morrison are air band pros as they rock out to 5 Seconds of Summer's "She's Kinda Hot." | Troy Burger

While performing The Beach Boys' "Kokomo," senior Andrea Heredia drifts across the stage to the soft rhythms. | Chelsea Blanton

ot many people thought about the pipes we used in daily life. But for students in Civil Engineering 380, "Hydraulics Laboratory," measuring the flow and pressure of fluids in pipes was of the upmost importance. This course provided the hands-on experience necessary for anyone in the engineering world.

"The course helped you get insight into how different things act under pressure," junior John East said. "It was one of the main parts of civil engineering for working with dams and bridges."

The students did a multitude of experiments and often related them to real-life jobs. Junior Hashem Hatahet related his work to sewer systems — the equations he learned helped him find and re-

cord the velocity of fluids running through the systems.

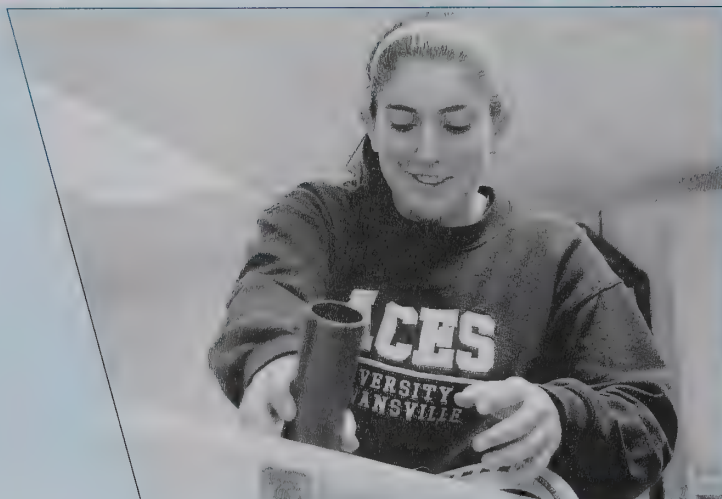
"In the real world it was important to get the exact flow rates and know how to control flow rates using different devices," he said.

One lab involved using three different sizes of pipe to measure how pressure and velocity would change the sizes. Others involved density, specific gravity and buoyancy, but all of the experiments contributed to the students' knowledge so they could apply it to things they would work on.

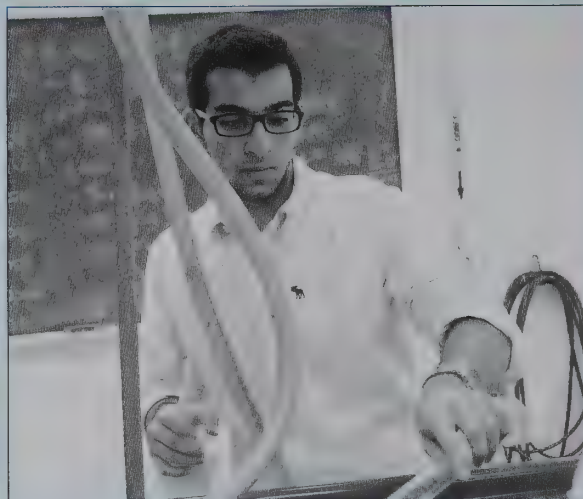
"With civil engineering you actually got a first-hand experience about the construction and saw the final product," East said. "You knew that you had a part in it, which was a really cool feeling."

measuring FLOW UNDER PRESSURE

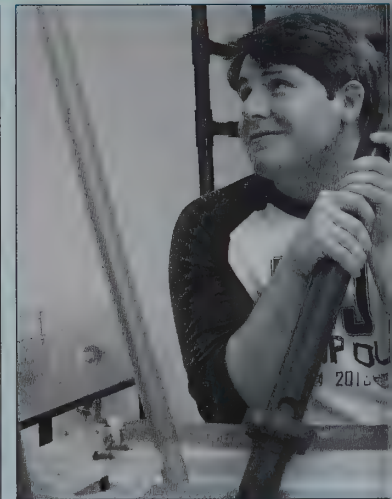
by Korrin Williams



After using tubes and pipes as part of her lab work, junior Susan Norris drains away the rest of the water left over from the experiment. | Natalie Christy



Having another go at his experiment, junior Hashem Hatahet empties the beakers and prepares to refill them with water. | Natalie Christy



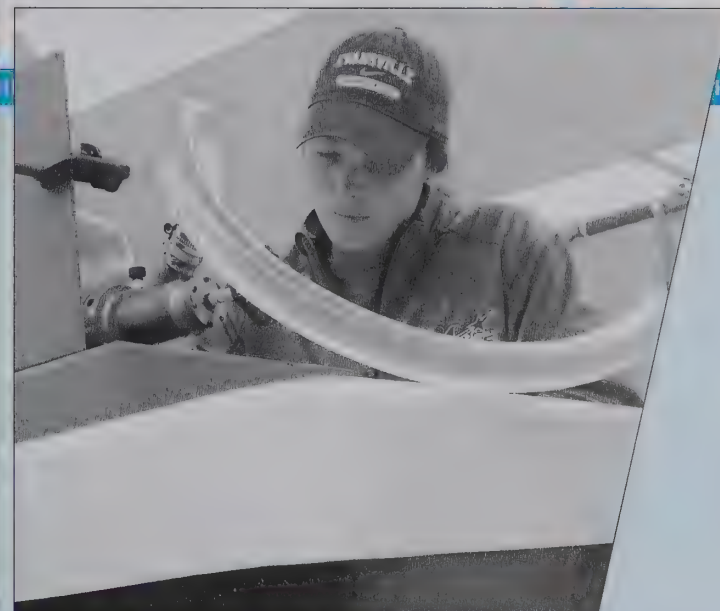
Working the pole, junior John East has fun getting w during his water lab experiment. | Natalie Christy



Making sure he gets an accurate reading, junior Forrest Plumlee gets eye-to-eye for a better view of the beaker so that he can measure the amount of water that has flowed into it from the tube. | Natalie Christy

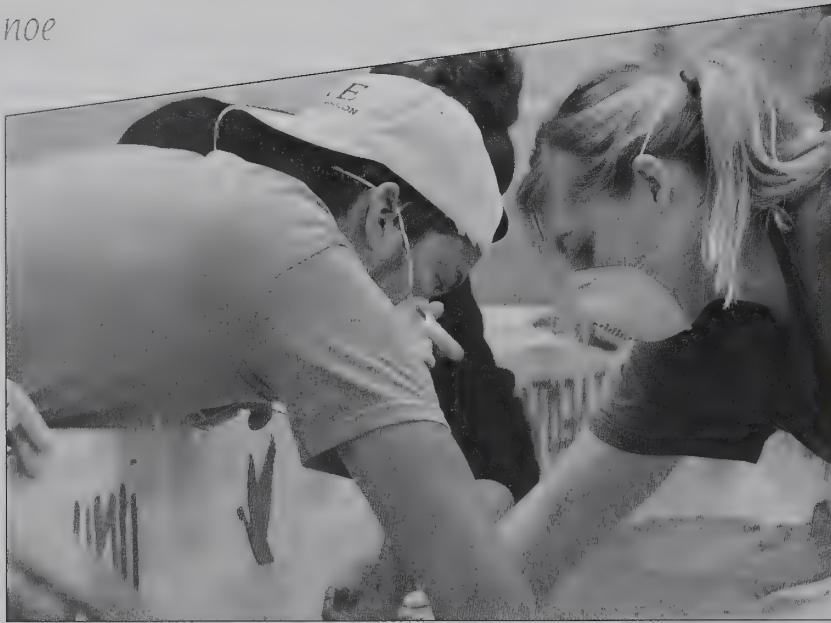
The class was a practical application of the standard fluid mechanics equations we used. The lab aspect helped because you got to experience what was going on, which made it easier to learn.

■ junior John East



It's not as simple as adding two plus two. Junior Michal Luckett executes difficult math problems while she conducts her lab experiment. | Natalie Christy

concrete canoe



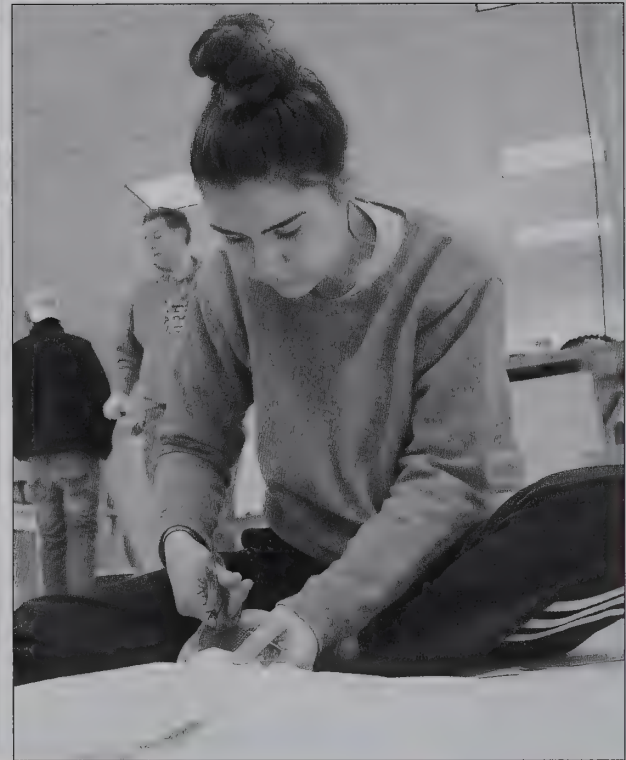
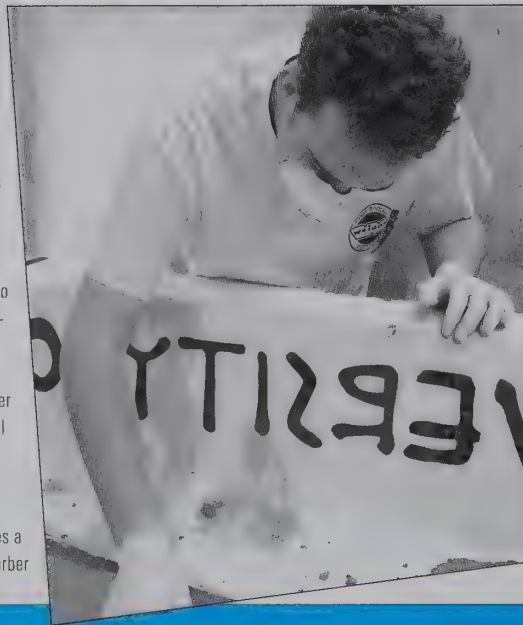
Patting down the pigmented concrete, sophomore Meredith Secrest and senior Alejandro Mojica check the thickness of the layers. | Kate Sarber

Using toothpicks, sophomores Alexis Sorrell and Shannon Gates check the concrete's thickness. | MaKayla Seifert

As sophomore Erich Hopf drops in handfuls of concrete, sophomore Jacob Slick begins to evenly spread it across the bottom of the canoe. | MaKayla Seifert

With steady hands, sophomore Sammi Shuler cuts out the roots of the tree design that will go under the canoe. | MaKayla Seifert

With gloves and a mask to protect himself from the fumes, freshman Sam Brinegar uses a toothpick to measure layer depth. | Kate Sarber





sink or win TOGETHER

by Michelle Nussdorfer

Ordinary was abandoned for innovation when a group of determined civil engineering students built a canoe made completely of concrete. Creating a functional canoe was not easy, but it turned into fun, practical experience as a member of the Concrete Canoe team.

UE participated in a competition sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers — like a college-level science Olympiad. Competing canoes were judged on design and raced to see which survived under pressure.

"You applied what you learned in class to real life," sophomore Alexis Sorrell said. "It was engineering at its finest."

Competing schools could have hundreds of students working on their canoe while UE managed to be a fierce competitor with a team of just 11. While one or two students specialized in different parts, as a whole the group did some pretty impressive engineering. Sophomore Erich Hopf thought this

teamwork was the biggest gain.

"The thing that stank about homework was that it was all individual," he said. "But in general, once you graduated, you were always working in teams."

Developing the concrete mix took the longest, and lots of mixes were made and tested to find one that was just right. Sorrell analyzed the canoe's structure to figure out what it could handle.

"It was like the sun with a bunch of things orbiting around it," she said. "Everything we did was about the canoe. It had to turn out right."

Every bit of hard work came together on casting day when the team meticulously set the canoe in layers of smooth concrete mix. And after a year of research and preparation, the team of budding engineers was proud of its work.

"The best part was standing back and seeing the final product," Sorrell said. "It was like 'Wow, we created that together.'"

The best leaders were the ones who worked with everyone. They were leading to find the best way to go forward. All decisions we made as a team.

■ sophomore
Erich Hopf

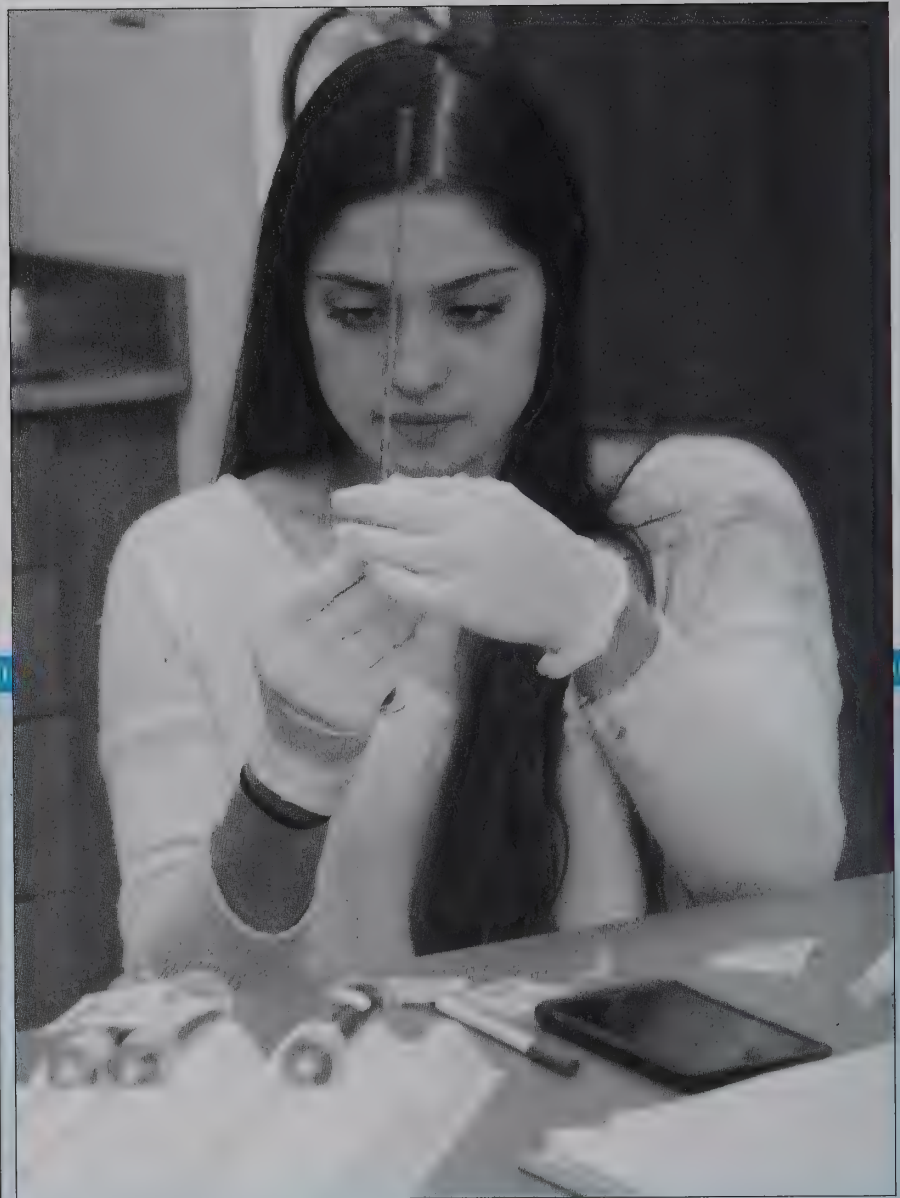


A lot of responsibility was put on the student. It was a challenge, but ultimately you learned more. I learned a lot of things that were going to be critical when I went to graduate school.

■ senior Nathan Winters



It's so cute and fluffy! Careful not to scare or harm the tiny white rodent, senior Zoie Babb takes a break from her lab work to pet the baby rat. | Natalie Christy



Calm and collected even while surrounded by bugs, senior Allie Arguello raises the beaker to get a more accurate reading and fearlessly assesses the levels of air being released from the imprisoned insects. | Natalie Christy

valuing THE FUNCTIONS OF CREATURES

by Brittany McFadden

iology 427, "Animal Physiology," was not for students who feared or were easily frightened by squirming, tiny creatures. But for those who wanted to learn about their minute body functions, it was the perfect course.

Students learned about the basic and complex functions of various animals. By studying animal physiology, biology majors found similarities between animal and human bodies.

"A lot of us wanted to go to medical school," senior Shelby Henderson said. "This [course] was just for us. We also learned about the human body and this helped us get into the medical situation."

Students also got the chance to thoroughly investigate a topic and

present the findings to their peers.

"Having to prepare a presentation to give to your peers pushed you to dig a little deeper where you might not have otherwise," senior Nathan Winters said.

Labs provided a way for students to practice what they had learned. They corresponded with lectures, so after they learned about the nervous system, students caught and dissected frogs to test their sciatic nerves. And when they studied metabolic rates, students measured the oxygen consumption of crickets, mice and cockroaches.

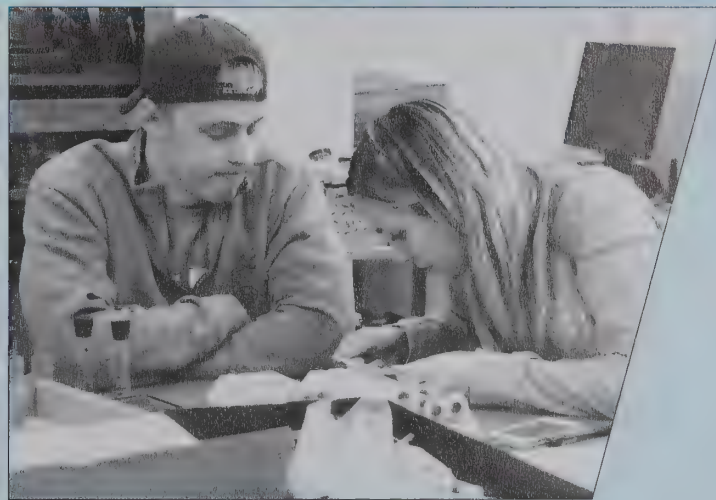
"There were more connections to what you were learning," Henderson said. "It was one thing to see it on paper but another to see it happen."



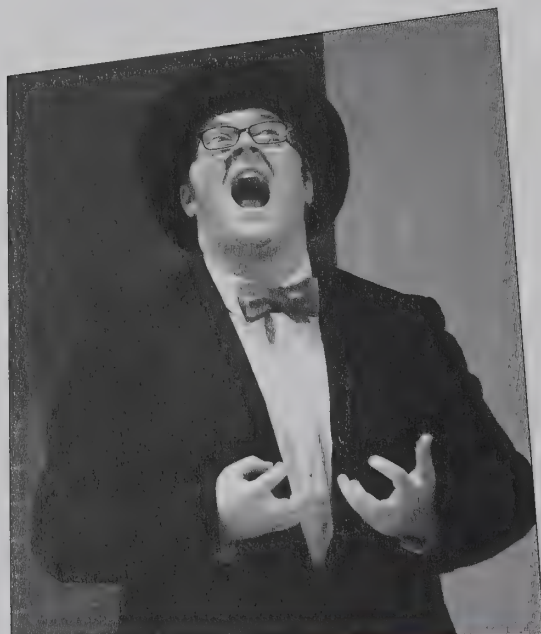
Ensuring the bug stays put, senior Britni Kendrick is the physiology of the insect. | Natalie Christy



Having completed all of the necessary preparations, seniors Nathan Winters and Victor Deere are ready to shove insects into beakers. | Natalie Christy



While senior Cameron Wickes observes, junior Taylor Davidson measures the amount of air released from an insect trapped inside a beaker. | Natalie Christy



"I'm The Wolf!" Reveling in his monstrous appetite, the Wolf (freshman Adam Smith) begins to plan for dinner and dessert. | Kate Sarber

I was a music therapy major and not performance, so this was extra for me. But through opera, I got to combine my voice experience and what I had been working on.

■ Junior
Hannah Nilsen

much more TO THE MUSIC

by Michelle Nussdorfer

Belting out arias and taking the stage like a total diva might be what opera was most known for, but there was more to it than that. Along with exposing students to a variety of music and challenging them vocally, UE's opera gave them the courage and opportunity to show off their skills.

Opera was an ensemble students signed up for outside of other studies. After being assigned a role, they were expected to understand their music and how their roles fit into the story.

"Largely the learning process was done on our own," junior Hannah Nilsen said. "It sometimes got tedious, but at the end of the day the performances always made it worth it."

Students prepared all semester and as the performance neared, the cast met often to learn stage movements and practice together. Music students particularly enjoyed practicum for the chance to work on their skills rather than sit through a lecture.

"It honestly didn't feel like work," junior Rebecca Laskey said. "It was

just a lot of fun to be with a group of people that enjoyed the same thing."

Students engaged in a variety of music, both classical and contemporary. The operas performed at the end of each semester were often different, if not in composer then in storyline. Junior Emma Kelley was excited to be taking their "Little Red Riding Hood" opera on tour to local schools.

"I hoped they were inspired to go on to do opera and learn that it wasn't just sopranos singing as loud as they could," she said. "I hoped they were inspired to pursue music outside of school."

Though it was a lot of hard work, the chance to show off that work made it worth it. Students came away feeling more confident in their performance ability and ready to audition for operas outside of UE.

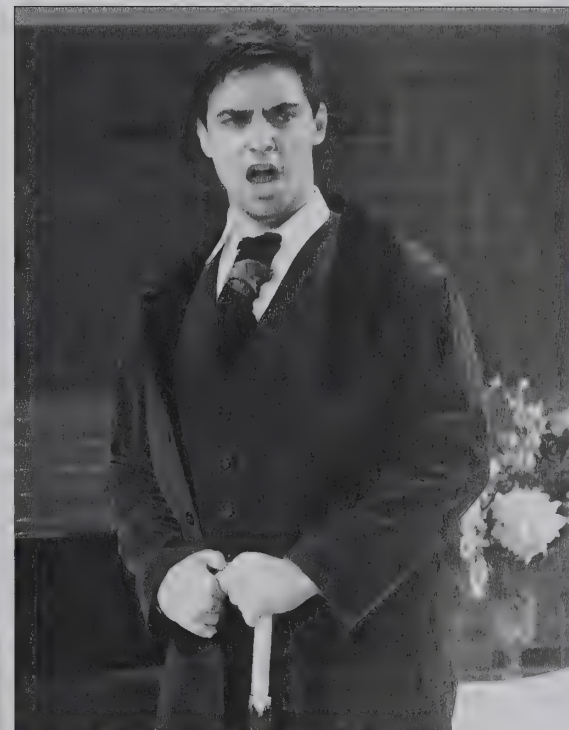
"I was always shaking before a performance, but what got me out onto the stage was wanting to show off all the hard work we'd done and make my professors proud," Kelley said.



Wrapped up in all kinds of trouble, Grandmother (junior Emma Kelley) and Little Red Riding Hood (junior Hannah Nilsen) phone Red's mother to tell her they're safe after the Wolf attack. | Kate Sarber

Sending her daughter to Grandmother's house, Mother (freshman Ivy Benson) warns Red of the dangers when talking with strangers. | Kate Sarber

Unable to cover up the telltale scent of tobacco, the Countess Susanna (senior Payton Judd) is accused of having a lover who smokes. | Kate Sarber



As the scent of cigarettes lingers in the air, Count Gil (senior Ian Murrell) is furious. No one should be smoking in his house, he declares. | Kate Sarber

practicing NURSING TECHNIQUES

by Korrin Williams

ajoring in nursing was no walk in the park. Sleepless nights, week-end-long study sessions and what seemed like never-ending clinical hours were just part of the life of a nurse. For those in Nursing 272, "Nursing Modalities: Healthy Family," students got another taste of what their careers would bring.

Students conducted multiple simulations, ranging from how to treat young patients by learning special techniques to caring for elderly patients in a hospital setting, all to promote healthier families.

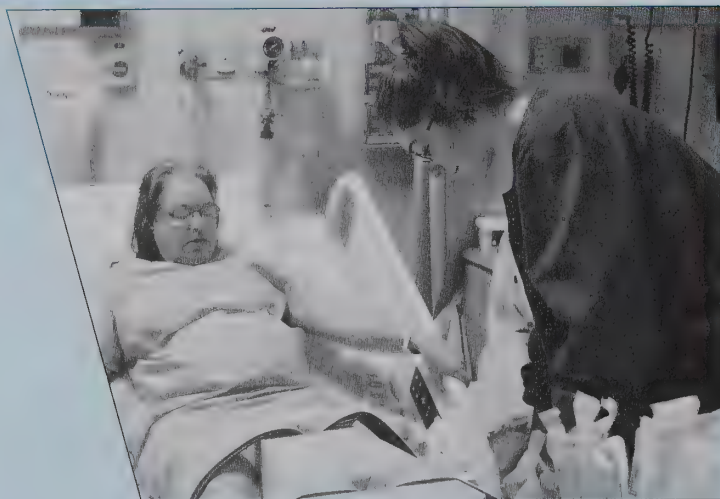
Simulations prepared students for clinical experiences at local hospitals because real-life exposure was essential to understanding everyday patient conditions. Everything learned in courses and labs

was related to situations nurses faced every day.

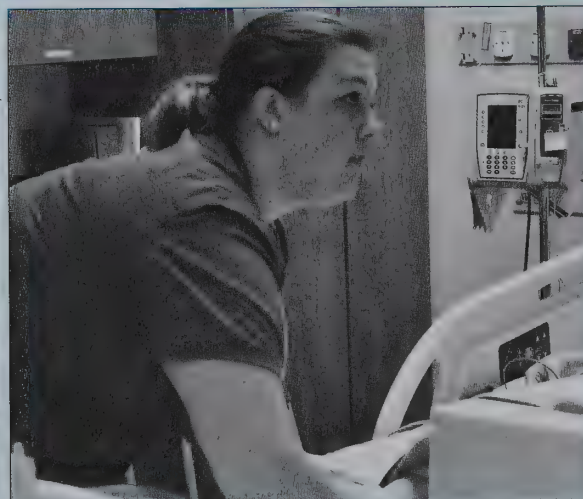
"They were like a starting point in introducing us to real-life situations," junior Colleen Treesh said. "Junior year you learned about different conditions and then applied them to caring for patients. We were refining our skills."

Despite rigorous hours and insane schedules, studying nursing was much more than that; it was the outcome of growing as a student to help those in need.

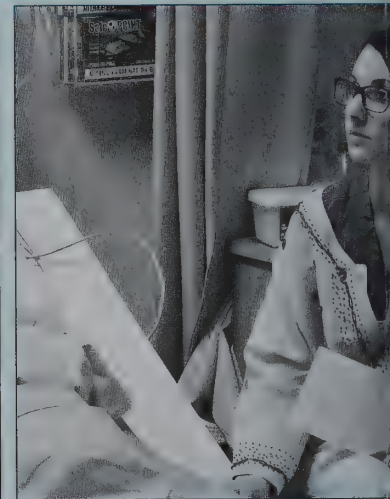
"Just because you worked on a health unit didn't mean you were limited to only respiratory patients," junior Tyler Booker said. "You applied the hands-on experiences to any unit, no matter what type of nurse you were."



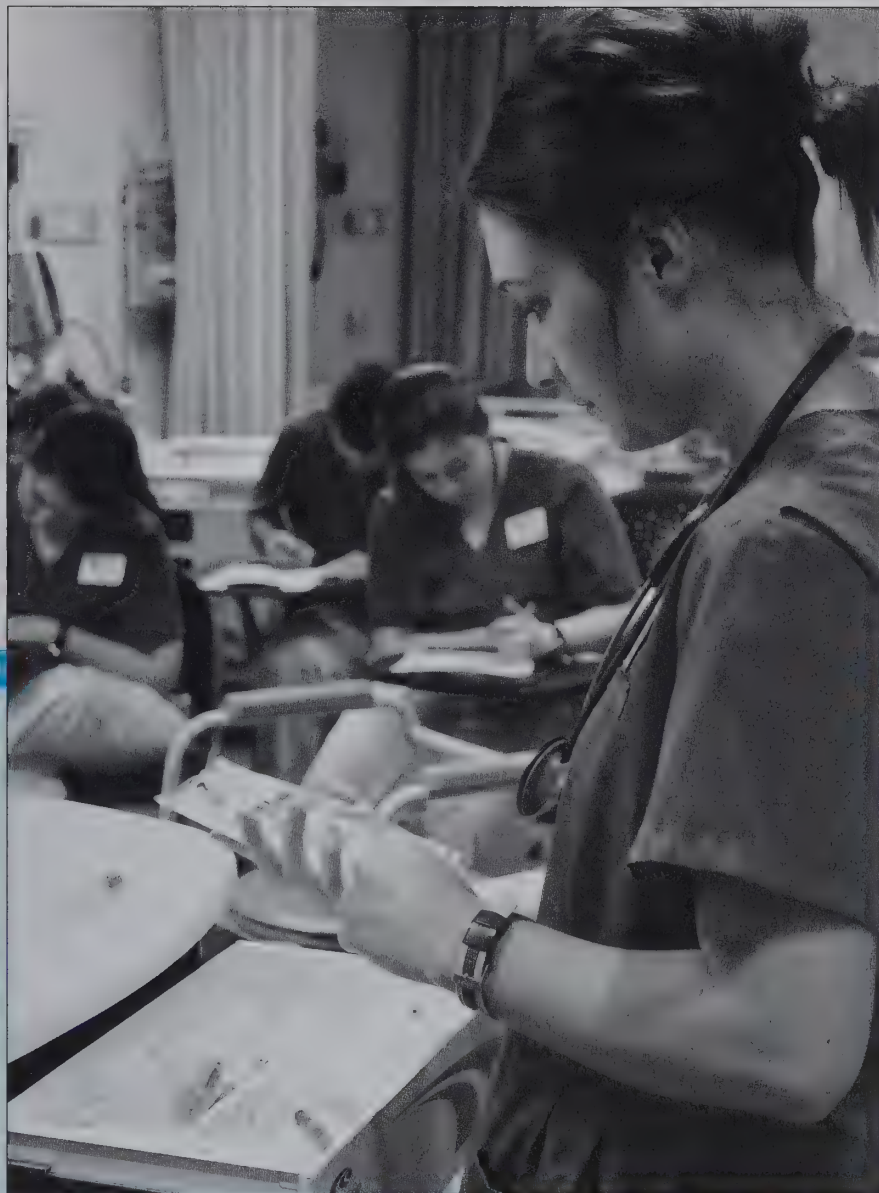
Junior Sarah Vanderhoff helps Jane Woods, Neu Chapel administrative assistant, who is acting as Vanderhoff's patient, to get out of bed. | Chelsea Blanton



While tending to her patient, junior Katie Egebrecht deals with a pushy role-playing daughter who keeps breaking her concentration. | Chelsea Blanton

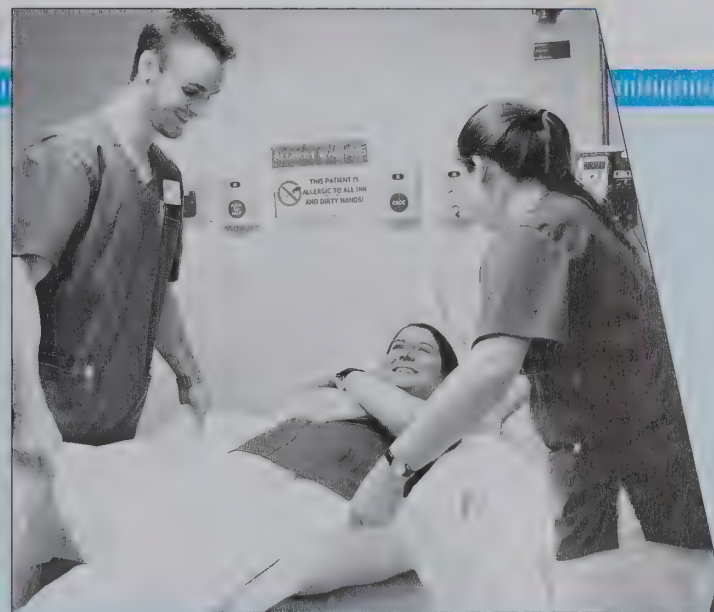


Always watchful, junior Liz Johnson keeps an eye on what's going on with the patient. | Chelsea Blanton



We were getting into the nitty-gritty. It was very time-consuming. Managing time was hard because we were doing two clinicals. It was nice to stop and care what you were learning.

■ junior Colleen Treesh



Going into a health profession means sometimes committing yourself to high-stress situations. Junior Colleen Treesh manages to stay calm and collected while taking on the nurse role in her lab simulation. | Chelsea Blanton

On the count of three. Juniors Tyler Booker and Kayla Cantrell practice repositioning their bedridden patient, junior Nicole Simmons, after observing the simulation. | Chelsea Blanton

sports LIFE

Those 8 a.m. classes were nothing compared to 5 a.m. practices. Student-athletes were on the court, in the pool or running laps before most students had even thought of waking. Despite grueling hours on top of courses and projects, for athletes, it was worth it. They found more to their titles than just the sports they

played. There were wins and losses, of course, but also teammates turned into lifelong friends, and there was pride in seeing purple-filled stands. Athletes fought harder to be the best Aces they could be, and whether you were a student-athlete or simply a fan of the game, we all realized **there's much more to sports.**



Taking the brunt of the impact, midfielder Ian McGrath blocks IUPUI forward Emmanuel Usen from making the goal. Defenders Chris Shuck and Vince DiPrimio both leap to stop the shot as IUPUI midfielder Kristian Martinez holds back defender Kyle Brown. | Kate Sarber



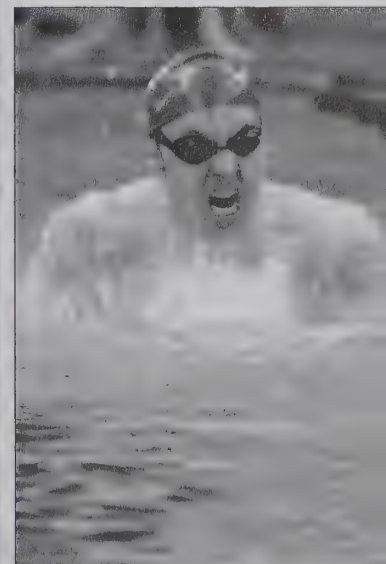
Fighting her way to the goal, midfielder Bronwyn Boswell scores. Yelling out in triumph, she reinforces that she's a force to be reckoned with. | Kate Sarber



With the plates stacked in the sixth inning, shortstop Stewart Nelson sends a pitch flying out of Evansville Stadium, giving the Aces the lead. Third baseman Jonathan Ramon goes for a high-five with first baseman Eric McKibban as coaches and teammates cheer around them. | Kate Sarber



Smashing his way through a defensive line of players, guard Mislav Brzoja leaps for the basket as Belmont forwards Nick Smith and Evan Bradds and guard Craig Bradshaw shove in close to try and block his shot. With the goal in sight, Brzoja goes straight for the basket. | Kate Sarber



By synchronizing his pull and kick, junior Will Glasscock propels himself down the lane during a race. | Kate Sarber

MUCH **MORE** there's
TO IT

women's soccer

Record | 6-11-3 MVC | 3-2-1
MVC Tournament Champions

by Brittany McFadden & Korrin Williams

CHAMPIONS



Going into overtime in a scoreless game against Loyola at McCutchan Stadium, the home crowd was on its feet, loudly cheering as each penalty kick sailed through the air in the MVC Championship game.

Tied at one, goalkeeper Whitney Biggs made a diving stop to keep UE in the game. After both the Aces and Ramblers made

their third and fourth attempts, UE held a 4-3 lead going into the final round. That is when defender Emily Richardson sent the ball past Loyola's goalkeeper to clinch the championship.

"We knew the team was good enough," midfielder Bronwyn Boswell said. "Anything else would not be living up to our expectations."

Preseason predictions also had the Aces as the regular-season champions. With 19 letterwinners returning, including nine starters, UE had also added seven freshmen to the roster.

But the Aces struggled from the start, losing early to three nonconference opponents before gaining a win over Miami (Ohio). They also dropped

games to Butler, Purdue and Vanderbilt and weren't able to put together back-to-back wins until the last two games of the season. They ended up beating only three MVC opponents while tying Loyola during the regular season.

They lost to Northern Iowa during the regular season, but in the semifinals of the tournament.



Coming in for the steal, UT-Martin defender Rebecca Starnes is simply no match for midfielder Caitie Dierkes. | MaKayla Seifert

After playing through two overtimes and what seemed an endless round of penalty kicks, midfielders Caitie Dierkes and Allie Arguello and defenders Abby Springer, Emily Richardson and Olivia Shafer celebrate UE's victory. | Kate Sarber

No one can stop her. Midfielder Bronwyn Boswell slips past the defense as Miami (Ohio) goalkeeper Vic Maniaci uses her body to effectively block the shot. | Kate Sarber

Xavier forward Andie Kennard battles midfielder Molly Lear while XU forward Ellie Eckerle watches where the ball goes next. | MaKayla Seifert.

Keeping the score tied, goalkeeper Whitney Biggs dives and blocks another shot-on-goal during the MVC Tournament championship game against Loyola. | Natalie Christy

Fancy feet. Xavier midfielder Maddie Tierney tries to steal the ball from defender Jordin Campbell without success. | MaKayla Seifert

Headed for the goal, forward Nicki Baham takes a shot past Loyola defender Taylor Lambouris. All Rambler defenders Kristin Rodriguez and Hailey Merrill can do is watch. | Kate Sarber

nt, it was midfielder Colleen Dierkes' goal that put the Aces on for the win so they could advance to the championship game. "Overall it was a good season," Boswell said, "but it was a different road than what we were expecting." As MVC Tournament champions, the Aces received the automatic bid to the NCAA Tour-

nament where they faced No. 1 Florida State in the first round.

The Aces knew the defending national champions would be a tough team to beat.

"We went in respecting that they were the No. 1 team," midfielder Allie Arguello said, "but we also went in giving ourselves a chance to win."

Biggs, the MVC Tournament's

Most Valuable Player, and her teammates stayed strong, while the Seminoles were determined and skilled, beating UE 3-0. But UE proved to be a more challenging team than FSU expected.

"It was fun to frustrate them and putting up a fight was definitely worth it," Boswell said.

Postseason honors went to Boswell and Richardson, who were

both named to the all-MVC first team. Arguello was named to the all-MVC second team, and forward Sara Osinski and defender Abby Springer earned honorable mention. Osinski was also named to the all-MVC freshman team.

Arguello and Boswell were also both named to the scholar-athlete first team. Dierkes received honorable mention.

AN UNEVEN MIX

Wins simply didn't materialize this year for the volleyball team, which consisted of five seniors and nine freshmen and sophomores.

Their individual experience levels were not the same, and the result was a season full of losses with the occasional win, even though players said there were some memorable moments.

"We had to focus on the small victories because it could get really frustrating," outside hitter Stephanie Cerino said. "But if you looked at what we did on the court, it improved steadily. We just didn't get the results. We looked at failure not as the end, but as a step to where we wanted to go, like a learning process."

Inexperience made learning to play cohesively an ongoing challenge. But as the weeks went by, things did get better. While wins didn't follow, libero Kim Deprez believed the more time the players spent together, the better they bonded and group unity followed.

"To stay motivated, we said that we didn't have anything to lose so we played our hardest," she said.

"We reiterated that we were playing for each other."

Cerino said many things tested the Aces, so they had to focus on other things to fix deficits.

"One challenge we tried to overcome was that we were shorter than a lot of other teams," she said. "We tried to use our quickness against teams with blocking, hitting and a fast-paced offense."

But with the uneven mix of underclass players and seasoned veterans, it continued to be a task to get the younger players to the level where everyone played well.

"[Seniors] wanted a better season with our senior year at least," Deprez said. "We started out really strong, but once conference started, we didn't play as well as we could have. We couldn't get into a rhythm to make it happen."

The Aces started their nonconference season by winning two of three at the Wright State Classic, where Cerino was named to the all-tournament team. They won four more after that and lost seven before MVC play began.

"We had what it took to com-

pete with every team, but the results didn't show," Deprez said.

It was the Aces first loss to Northern Iowa that players found to be one of the better matches they played all season.

"It was the first weekend of conference, and we took them to five games, which hadn't happened in years," Deprez said. "We came out strong, and we were full of fire and ready to take them on. We did end up losing, but it was one of the best games we played."

Both Cerino and Deprez, who set a new school record during that series with 40 digs, were proud of how the Aces performed.

"We fought for so long, and in all of the games, we were so close

to beating them," Cerino said.

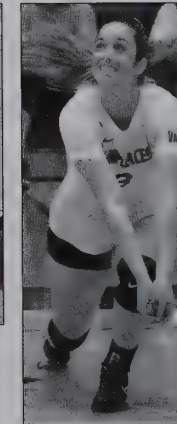
"Everyone clicked and we looked like a well-oiled machine."

While the Aces didn't make it into the MVC Tournament, outside hitter Genesis Miranda did set the school record with 1,370 attempts and 493 kills on the season. She finished second in the conference in kills and aces (116). Deprez finished her senior season with 598 digs, ranking her second in the MVC.

"That was a big achievement for her," Cerino said. "She gave us a lot more opportunities with the digs she got."

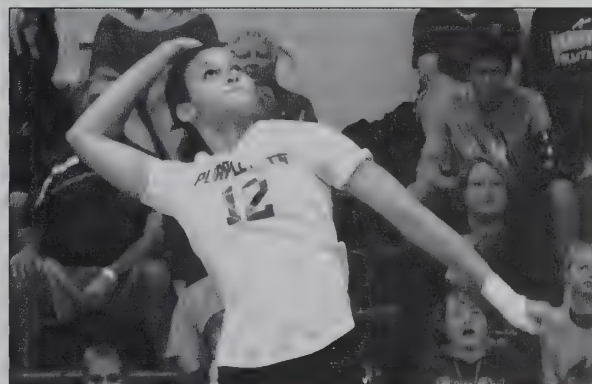
Postseason honors went to Miranda, who was named to the all-MVC second team. Deprez earned scholar-athlete honorable mention.

From truly focused to outright pleased, libero Kim Deprez, outside hitter Tathianna Cordeiro, setter Lorena Marquez and middle blocker Elizabeth Giller show the many faces of volleyball. | Photo Staff





A highflying leap. Outside hitter Stephanie Cerino goes for the ball as outside hitter Genesis Miranda and libero Kim Deprez prepare to defend. | Kate Sarber



As her teammates pretend to work the ball from the other side, outside hitter Genesis Miranda strikes from the opposite side of the court. | Kate Sarber

Making the perfect tap, middle blocker Rocio Fortuny sends the ball away from Jackson State middle blocker Kiana Shelton, who unsuccessfully tries to stop the ball. | Kate Sarber

men's & women's cross-country

Top UE Men's 8K Finisher at the MVC Championship |
Junior Ross Frondorf (55th place — 27:56.44)

Top UE Women's 5K Finisher at the MVC Championship |
Freshman Sienna Crews (44th place — 18:33.87)

At the start of the women's 5K, freshman Sienna Crews wastes no time pulling away from the other runners during the UE Invitational. | Kate Sarber

Stamina helps freshman Hayley Elliot stay ahead of the pack as they move through the woods. | Kate Sarber

With Drake freshman Cole Friedman not too far behind, junior Ross Frondorf stays ahead of the pack. | Justin Spellman

With her opponents close behind, freshman Ashton Bosler maintains her pace in front. | Makayla Seifert



With temperatures many times top-90 or more degrees and the chance for rain always a possibility, the men's and women's cross-country teams never knew what to expect. That, coupled with injuries, was what they faced in this season.

Although neither squad did well as a team, individuals pushed themselves to faster — to always try to beat their personal-best times — and they were successful in this pursuit.

"We did a good job improving over last season as a whole, not just individually," junior Michelle Karp said.

The addition of freshman Sienna Crews to the women's team made a big difference. She was the top finisher for the Aces at all eight of UE's races, placing 10th at the Early Bird Invitational, the first collegiate race, and winning her first collegiate invitational at the Austin City Cross-Country Festival.

Crews said runners needed to stay strong and she would plan during each race as to how to stay ahead of

those behind her and how to beat those in front of her.

"I was always strategizing while I ran," she said. "My first college race I had no idea what to expect, and it wasn't that bad."

While the women's team finished last at the MVC Championships, every women's runner recorded a personal-best or top time. Crews led the women again, dropping 23 seconds from her top time, and Karp improved her best time by more than two minutes.

The men's team struggled too, mostly because of injuries, but juniors Ross Frondorf and Ben Woolems finished in either first or second place for UE at each meet. Every member of the men's team had his lowest time of the year at the MVC Championships.

"[Running] mentally made you stronger because if you could find time to run and keep up with classes, there was really nothing you couldn't do," junior Paul Schwartz said. "In essence, running was more of a mental game."



With Missouri State sophomore Jessica Allen trailing, junior Michelle Karp races ahead to get an early advantage. | Justin Spellman

Using each other for support, seniors James Paul and Vince Cecil pace themselves at the MVC Championship. | Kate Sarber



ENDURANCE

by Michelle Nussdorfer

MAKING IT WORK

WHILE TOUGHING OUT THE LOSSES

With eight new teammates, a new head coach and a schedule full of difficult competitors, the Aces faced a season jam-packed with challenges. With a discouraging preseason ranking by the MVC, the team fought but its fight wasn't as strong as they hoped.

"The season was a little tough this year," midfielder Ian McGrath said. "We had lost a lot of seniors, 10 seniors, so we were a young squad. We were a little inexperienced. We started off the year pretty strong, I'd say, but we had a tough middle up against tough competitors."

Projected to finish sixth in the conference, the season turned out to be even worse than predicted and unlike any the Aces had experienced in a decade.

While the team showed occasional signs of brilliance, wins were definitely hard to come by. They only recorded three, the lowest since the 2005 season. The Aces won both of their exhibition games, but could only knock off Belmont, Marshall and Northern Kentucky during regular-season play.

They also lost all their MVC games, and a 10-game losing streak added to any chance of them qualifying for the MVC Tournament.

Their last chance to qualify came against Central Arkansas. With almost identical records, the Bears also hadn't won an MVC game all season. But for the first time in seven outings, UCA was the victor as they beat the Aces 3-0.

"It was disappointing and heartbreaking," forward Mark Anthony Gonzalez said. "We

knew how important that game was. We had the right mentality going in, but it was one of those games where [the ball] wasn't going in for us."

Facing Northern Kentucky for Senior Night, the last game of the season was uplifting for everyone as the Aces won 4-0. Gonzalez and forward Nate Opperman each scored a goal in their final collegiate game and forward Desmond Dolphy had a career-high two goals.

"We knew we wanted the results for our seniors," McGrath said, "and we knew that it would tell a lot for next year, so everyone was pretty hopeful."

Postseason honors went to Gonzalez, who was named to the all-MVC first team for the third time. He had also earned all-MVC freshman honors in 2012. Gonzalez finished his collegiate career with 27 goals, the eighth most in program history.

Opperman earned a spot on the all-MVC second team and McGrath received honorable mention. Midfielder Zac Blaydes and defender Trevor Baum were both named to the all-MVC freshman team. Forward Tyrus Sciarra received scholar-athlete honorable mention.

While the season was disappointing, it meant that the players would look to next season as they worked to come together as a team.

"We just kept one of the main goals in mind," McGrath said, "which was getting into the conference [tournament] and getting everyone playing at the best of their ability."

Forward Zac Blaydes moves away from Bradley defenders J.T. Kotowski and Grayson McGraw and midfielder Andrew Brown. | Kate Sarber



Looking to gain control, midfielder Brian Hughes keeps the ball away from Belmont defender Dan Brown. | Kate Sarber

Breaking away, midfielders Cameron Cool and Mikey Matic sweep downfield, out running IUPUI midfielder Christian Soto. | MaKayla Seifert



Finally stopping Drake's hold on the ball, midfielder Ian McGrath moves the ball down field toward the Bulldogs' goal. | Kate Sarber



Forward Mark Anthony Gonzalez's speed and skill are no match for Drake midfielders Ben LeMay and Kyle Brown. | Kate Sarber



Effectively using his head, defender Ryan Koenig knocks the ball away from Bradley forward Grant Bell. | Kate Sarber

The player who stays with the ball wins it. Forward Nate Opperman faces off against IUPUI defender Clint Hoffer. | MaKayla Seifert

Keeping impressive control, forward Desmond Dolphy uses skilled moves to outmaneuver and pass IUPUI midfielder Harold Agyeman-Prempeh as Dolphy heads down field. | MaKayla Seifert

women's basketball

Record | 3-28 MVC | 1-17

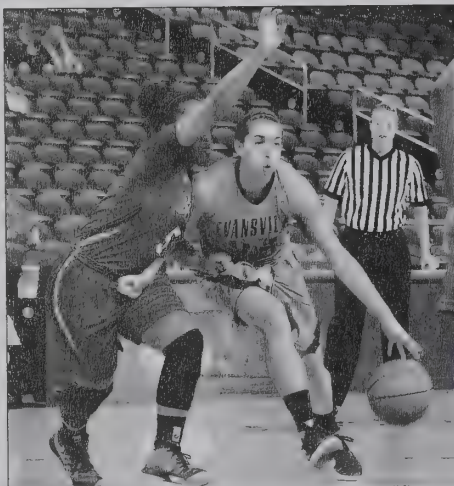


Guard Camille Coleman skirts past Berea guard Adrianna Williams. | Kate Sarber

Moving Berea forward Zacchea Small out of the way, guard Camery Williams takes possession. | Kate Sarber

Nearly equal in reach and height, guard Ashley Hawkins faces Berea guard Anna Loveless during tipoff. | Kate Sarber

Don't ever let your guard down! Forward Sasha Robinson makes a point as she overwhelms Illinois State forward Octavia Crump. | Troy Burger



Like an unstoppable tidal wave, guard Sara Dickey shoves past Berea forward Zacchea Small. | Kate Sarber



A black and white photograph of a basketball player in an Evansville jersey, number 24, in action on the court. The player is wearing a light-colored jersey with "EVANSVILLE" and the number "24" printed on it. He is in a dynamic pose, looking upwards and to the left, with his right leg extended forward. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the silhouettes of spectators in the stands. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the player against the dark background.

open to a degree meant to show that they could turn the switch around in games against Loyola and Bradley.

"It was really the toughest season," says a well-known coach. "Dickey said, 'You've had to go through the hard part, this year.'"

To add to their mounting trouble, Ohio State resigned at the end of February and coach (and coach's wife) Betty stepped up as interim head coach. He was ill to lead two of the league's toughest opponents before the fan favorite had even started February.

As the team entered the MVC Tournament in the first round, they reached overtime. He left before the 7:00 p.m. start. They got back and off as they said the history of 1994 when Dickey joined the game without any rest because he is over 700 miles from his game (and still at it).

"We knew we could win by our game plan," Betty said. "We knew we had to work hard and I was there at the time. And he had to learn to become a great player. We had a lot of team effort."

Before most of the season, the way was followed by a run in the 2000s, the quarterfinals of the tournament. As the season went on, the team had the chance to be eliminated in the quarterfinal game.

Even though it was a very good season, the team learned a lot. Dickey says, "We learned what we needed to do in the game to be a good team. We had a lot of team effort."

Postseason tournament in 2000, some of the MVC Tournament.

A couple of exhibition game wins showed just how energetic they could be. Even after two early losses, the team beat Cleveland State. But in the games to come, the women lost again and again and again.



Moving down the court using her strength and athleticism, guard Kenya Johnson pushes through Illinois State guard Shakeela Fowler. | Troy Burger

But despite these efforts, the losing streak continued. After 11 losses, the Aces beat Bradley 62-46, earning them their first MVC victory. But the losing streak continued for an-

• **Poststroke** – increased risk to 50% – same as **stroke** + **AC** means **hemiparesis**

swimming & diving

Men's Record | 3-4 MAC | 0-3

Women's Record | 2-5 MVC | 0-3

IM PRO VING

by Mackenzie Bruce &
Korrin Williams

After the starter fired the gun, everything else was irrelevant. That was, until the Aces touched the wall or nailed a dive. Though the record did not always reflect how well the men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished, performances improved across the board for many of the swimmers and divers.

While a handful consistently snatched top spots, the men's team stood out this season with three wins. Senior Ethan O'Rourke led the way at many of the meets, helping to earn wins over Eastern Illinois, Ball State and Valparaiso.

"Each time we went into a meet, we went in with guns blazing," he said. "We fed off of each other's energy."

O'Rourke took first in a number of backstroke events throughout the season, performing especially well against Eastern Illinois and Ball State.

"We'd always been the underdog, but we put up a good fight," he said. "Even if we lost a meet, we thought, 'We're going to show them what we're made of.'"

The men did just that at the Mid-American Conference Championships. And while they didn't win any awards, they were pleased with their performances.

A few of the women also proved their worth during the season and at the MVC Championships. Sophomore Courtney Coverdale took win after win in diving, while junior Michaela Kent racked up the top swimming spots.

"It felt really good when all of my hard work paid off and I dove well in a meet," Coverdale said. "I just did my dives many times in practice to work on the things that I needed to work on. If I messed up on a dive during practice, I did it until I did it right."

Postseason honors went to Kent and Coverdale who were named to the all-MVC first team while freshman Kristen Myers received honorable mention.



With a quick flip, freshman Kelcie Davie uses the momentum from pushing off the wall to propel herself underwater before breaking the surface with a powerful stroke. | Kate Sarber



As his powerful stroke breaks through the water, senior Reid Mobley comes up for a quick gulp of air before plunging back under water. | Kate Sarber



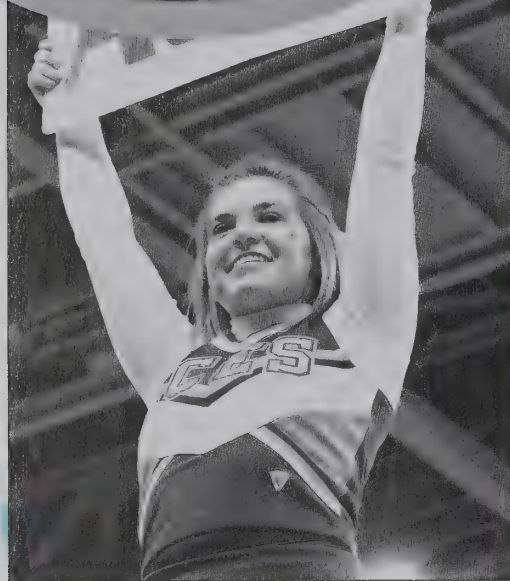
In the blink of an eye, sophomore Jessi Hildebrand dives into the pool as her teammate touches the wall. | Kate Sarber



Slicing through the water, senior Ethan O'Rourke focuses on each pull as he races to the wall. | Kate Sarber



Spreading the water with the strength of her arms and the power of her legs, freshman Amy Smith takes a deep breath before going back under during her breaststroke event. | Kate Sarber



Junior Rue Reynolds dances to Meghan Trainor's "Better When I'm Dancin'" during a time out. | Taylor Williams



Spinning across the floor like a runaway top, junior Victoria Salsman performs during halftime. With the other dancers, Salsman entertains with jumps and twirls. | Kate Sarber



Positioned as the flyer, senior Paige Durphey is supported by others from the cheer squad as she gets the fans' attention. | Kate Sarber

Just like the cheerleaders, the dance team does its part to keep the crowd pumped up. Pom-poms in hand, junior Emily Hughes, sophomore Aubrey Cowin and graduate student Kate Mangels are part of a synco-pated turn. | Kate Sarber



Shuman Madison Mooney is all smiles as she and freshman Kourtney Pottschmidt, junior Bailey Gram and freshman Laura Sills watch a men's basketball game. | Taylor Williams

Loud and proud, these women broke away from stereotypes with bursts of energy. Though they did not compete nationally, the teams did plenty to support UE and the Evansville community. But all of that took teamwork, determination and an overabundance of school spirit.

While easier said than done, the women did maintain that high level of spirit. With many hours spent attending games and memorizing routines, the cheerleaders and dancers redefined the meaning of hard work and leadership.

"We were athletes," junior Rue Reynolds said. "We were not just people that stood around and shook our pompoms. There was actually time and work we put in."

The teams supported the Aces through good seasons and bad, but they also gave back to the Evansville community. Whether that meant volunteering at local schools or walking in the Martin Luther King Jr. march, doing service hours together was just one example of their hard work off the court.

"We were there to be supportive," Reynolds said. "We had a huge outreach community. We had kids clinics, and we did a lot of things that represented the university."

Outreach brought plenty of positive recognition and was reflected at games such as the UE vs. Wichita State men's basketball game. The sold-out Ford Center was filled with fans, and the women kept everyone lively.

"We kept the pep up and kept people involved and excited about the game," senior Paige Durphey said.

That kind of excitement was exactly what both teams worked toward in their long hours on and off the court. For these spirited athletes, their enthusiasm was relentless.

"It just felt really good to be in front of an Evansville crowd," Reynolds said. "Even if you messed up, it was all worth it."

ENTHUSIASM

by Korrin Williams

by Mackenzie Bruce & Michelle Nussdorfer

down TO THE WIRE

With the crowd counting down from 30 seconds and the tension as thick as the smoke swirling in the air, they couldn't get their hands on the ball for just several minutes. In the decisive tie game of the MVC Tournament, the conference's best

team, the Aces, found it hard to get the ball from their hands during the regular season.

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"I had watched the game from the sidelines and I was so excited to see the Aces win. It was a great moment for the Aces and for the MVC. Balentine and Wing were the Aces' best players.

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appointing moment was when they didn't receive an offer to play in the NIT. The automatic invitations went to those teams who were their conference's regular-season winners but didn't win their tournaments. This season there was a flood of teams, leaving the Aces without a spot.

"When we found out we weren't in the NIT, it really broke our backs," Balentine said. "It was a feeling we hadn't experienced before. We really expected to be in the NCAA, and if not that, the NIT. It was heartbreaking."

And while the Aces received offers to play in other less prestigious postseason tournaments, the team decided to forego them all.

The season's end was upsetting, but the Aces had a lot to be proud of. Balentine finished his storied career with 2,464 points, placing him fourth on the MVC's all-time scoring list. He also left the program as the NCAA's active leading scorer.

Mockevicius ended his career as the nation's top rebounder, with 14 rebounds per game and posting a program mark of 1,260 rebounds. He also finished the year with 27 double-doubles in 34 games.

"We pretty much built the team from the strength of its individuals," he said, "which made the season we had."

To acknowledge his accomplishments, Mockevicius was asked to play in the D-I College All-Star game, where he helped the West beat the East and did something he had nev-

er done as an Ace — he hit a 3-pointer.

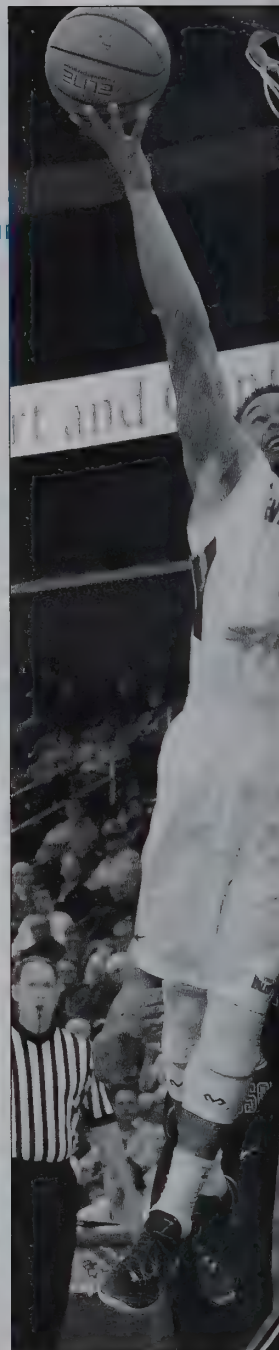
Postseason honors went to Balentine and Mockevicius, who were named to the all-MVC first team, with Mockevicius also being named to the all-defensive team. The duo was also voted onto the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District first team.

Additional MVC accolades went to guard Jaylon Brown, who was named to the MVC's most improved team, and guard Mislav Brzoja, who was named a member of the all-bench squad. He also received the "Sixth Man of the Year" award.

Forward Blake Simmons was named to the MVC scholar-athlete first team and Brzoja was named to the second team.



Dribbling around the block, guard Adam Wing pushes past Wichita State forward Rashard Kelly and heads for the basket. | MaKayla Seifert





Who's in charge of the
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guard Isaiah Jones as he goes for
a dunk. | Kate Sarber



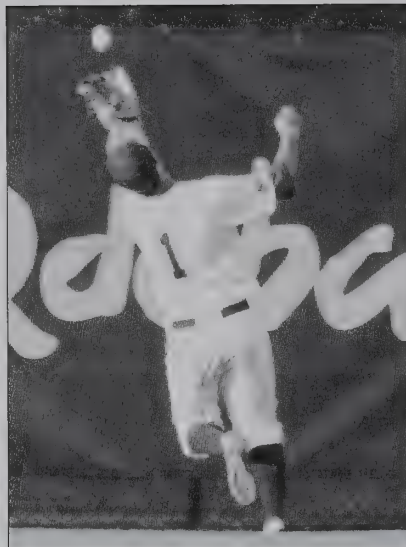
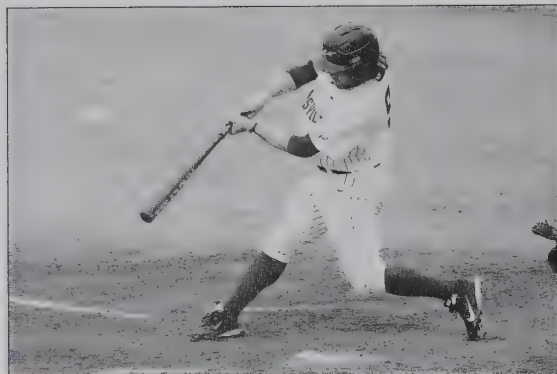
Isiah Jones, 19, of Missouri
guards Eli Stamm in
a dunk. | Kate Sarber



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With the ball seemingly out of reach, leftfielder Shain Showers snags the ball to end the inning. | Taylor Williams



The perfect pitch to catcher Boomer Synek sends the ball sailing as it sneaks through on the right and he gets safely to first base. | Taylor Williams

As the ball ricochets off the bat with a loud whack, first basemen Eric McKibban can only hope the ball stays fair. | Kate Sarber

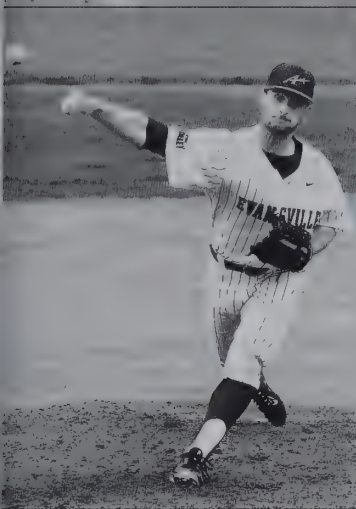
Relief pitcher Alex Gould congratulates rightfielder Korbin Williams at the plate after the power hitter gets his third home run during the Bradley series. | Chelsea Blanton



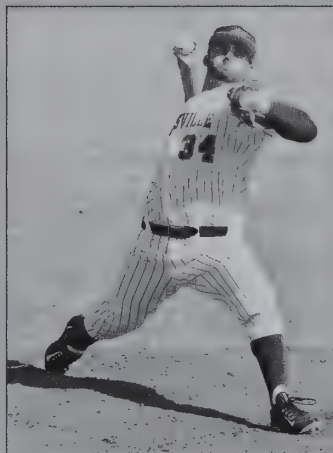
BATTLING THROUGH AND MOVING IT FORWARD



Like a penguin gliding off a glacier, second basemen Trey Hair slides onto third and looks to the umpire to make sure he's safe. | Kate Sarber



With fans chanting swing batter, batter, swing, pitcher Connor Strain throws a bullet across the plate to retire the batter. | Troy Burger



Sliding to safety, centerfielder Jeff Christen makes it to base before Florida Gulf Coast second baseman Jake Noll gets the ball. | Kate Sarber

Pitcher Austin Allinger only has one job: to strike out the batter. Winding up, he launches the ball toward the plate. | Kate Sarber

Routs. Rolls. Dismantles. Hammers. Upends. While these words were used at various times to describe outstanding wins for the Aces, it took a while for UE to get warmed up. Picked to finish seventh in the MVC preseason poll, the Aces stumbled somewhat at the beginning before they finally got their footing. Blessed with 20 returners on his 28-man roster, one thing coach Wes Carroll did time and time again was call on his senior-heavy team to pave the way.

"We just didn't have as many bells and whistles as some programs, so it took a lot of grit," catcher Boomer Synek said. "It was trying to show the younger guys the right way of going about playing the game."

And show them they did. Leftfielder Josh Jyawook had four RBIs and a pair of runs in the Aces 15-3 routing of Monmouth. Synek had three RBIs and a pair of runs as UE rolled past Belmont 13-7. The team scored 29 runs in its dismantling of UT-Martin when pinch hitter Billy Lipari, who was after his first hit of the season, hit a grand slam, supplying the history-making hit that tied the school record set in 1996.

Wichita State was on the losing end in UE's 11-1 routing of the Shockers. Synek went 2-for-4 with four RBIs and first baseman Eric McKibban also went 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs. With the bases loaded, third baseman Shain Showers lined one into right field to get the Aces on the scoreboard in their 14-5 hammering of Missouri State. Showers, Jyawook, Synek, McKibban and designated hitter Jona-

thon Ramon combined for eight of UE's 14 hits while scoring eight runs and knocking in another nine. And in a two-out rally in the ninth inning, the Aces upended in-state rival Indiana State 3-2 in the first game of the last regular-season series.

Squaring off against fourth-seeded Southern Illinois in the MVC Tournament opener, the fifth-seeded Aces dropped the decision 4-3 and moved to the elimination round to face Illinois State. Once again, UE depended on its veterans to make things happen and Synek hit a home run in the top of the 10th to give the Aces the 4-3 win over the Redbirds.

Facing SIU again, it was second baseman Trey Hair who fired a three-run blast for the 3-2 win and UE's right to face top-seeded Dallas Baptist. The Aces battled on, and while Hair and Jyawook both hit three-run shots in the game, they were not enough to overcome the Patriots in the 13-6 loss.

Other season highlights included series wins over Northern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, Florida Gulf Coast, Wichita State, Bradley and Missouri State; Hair, Ramon and rightfielder Korbin Williams each hit 10 home runs; and the team became just the third under Carroll to earn multiple postseason wins.

Postseason honors went to Jyawook and Synek, who were named to the all-MVC first team. Hair was named to the second team and Ramon was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 5 team.

OB STAC LES

by Korrin Williams



Conference teams gave the Aces fits this year, as the players could not get a win over any of the seven MVC teams they faced. And nonconference was not much better. They had a successful trip to Florida, where they were victorious in three matches, but after that, the wins were few and hard to come by.

As with every season, there were obstacles to overcome. Adjusting to a new coach was a welcomed hurdle but a challenging one. And with new players came the added challenge of merging the veterans with the newcomers.

"We had a lot of adjusting to do, but we all worked to a point where we understood each other," freshman Doreen Crasta said. "A quality practice and having the right attitude were essential. You were not going to get it the first time around. You had to perfect it."

After individual action concluded in the fall, UE started team play just after the snow arrived in January. With fall play, players were able to access their strengths and weaknesses before jump-

ing into the heavy part of their year.

Senior Marina Moreno finished in fifth place in flight 1 singles at the MVC Individual Championship, and in doubles play at the ITA Ohio Valley Regionals. Crasta and freshman Marine Dargatzis beat duos from Purdue and Memphis before losing to Tennessee in the doubles consolation semifinal.

The Aces' first team victory of the year came over Alabama A&M in February, when everyone had either a single or doubles win. They also recorded wins over Findlay, Southeast Missouri State, Kentucky Wesleyan — a shutout — and Indiana Wesleyan before ending the season on a six-match losing streak.

But the team's attitude remained positive. With pre-match worries and adrenaline combining, each game was an opportunity to improve from the last.

"There were always nerves, but I told myself to go out there and try my hardest," sophomore Kennedy Craig said. "It was all about the experience whether you won or lost."

Playing in the No. 2 spot, junior Katie Delgado breaks the point as she attacks the ball with as much force as she can. | Taylor Williams

Kiss my ace. The look on sophomore Leah Helpingstine's face shows concentration as she backhands the ball to win her the point. | Taylor Williams



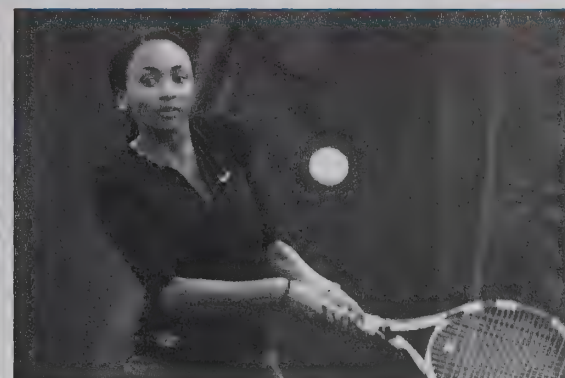


Catching some air, senior Marina Moreno uses all her strength and tiny stature to reach for the ball, clearing the court to stay in the long match. | Troy Burger

Landing a solid hit during her match, freshman Doreen Crasta sends the ball back over the net with a forceful and pinpointed touch. | Kate Sarber

Doing everything in her power to stay with the ball, freshman Marine Darzyan reaches as far as she can to return the ball and stay in the set. | Troy Burger

Tracking the ball as she goes for the volley, sophomore Kennedy Craig decides where to place it in her singles match against Kentucky Wesleyan. | Natalie Christy





Not quite enough to get to the green. Senior Rachel Marchi chips the ball with just the right amount of swing as she finally reaches the green and prepares for the putt. | Troy Burger



After another outstanding season, junior Kayla Katterhenry lines up her putt, practicing her shot so she can stay on top of her game. | Troy Burger



Keeping her composure and contemplating how to make the perfect putt, sophomore Giulia Mallmann is helped by junior Maggie Camp as they strategize and plan. | Troy Burger

CALM RESOLVE

It was an exceptionally exciting season for women's golf — possibly the best-ever — and junior Kayla Katterhenry again led the way. And while finishing seventh in the field of 10 at the MVC Tournament might not outwardly appear to be that great, it actually matched the best-ever conference finish for the women's team.

After two stellar seasons, Katterhenry continued to dominate. Being the top finisher became the norm rather than the exception. She placed first at four tournaments, second at one and then finished fourth at another.

"My mindset was taking the tournaments one set at a time," she said. "I tried to stay calm and not

let the bad shots get to me."

Her second-place finish in the MVC Tournament was just one stroke behind the medalist after three golfers were tied for first going into the final round. Katterhenry shot a 5-under 67 on day two, which tied the championship record and also set a new UE record.

The Braun Intercollegiate turned out to be a special tournament for the Aces as they took the win, besting 10 other teams.

It was a collective effort as the players battled the elements in their home tournament of the season. The second day of play was halted almost as soon as it started because of the inclement weather, but the Aces got the win, only the

second team victory in UE history.

"It was really exciting because our team as a group never won one," Katterhenry said. "It was really great being on our home course where most of our family and friends were watching. It made it really memorable."

Other highlights from the season include a second-place finish at the Benbow Invitational and freshman Maria Pickens shooting a hole-in-one at the MVC Tournament. She also finished 10th at the Butler Invitational and with sophomore Giulia Mallmann finished in a tie for 10th place at the Braun Intercollegiate.

"The [players] all worked hard, and we didn't let the pressure get to us," Katterhenry said. "Our scores mostly stayed the same. Coach [Jim Hamilton] was really proud of us."

Postseason honors went to Katterhenry, who was named to the all-conference team and the scholar-athlete first team.

Men's golf saw individual golfers step up their games and show improvement too. Senior Rick Voyvodic was the medalist at Butler's Bulldog Florida Invitational, his first-ever

tournament victory. Sophomore Tyler Gray and junior Jon Pick finished tied for 10th. And along with senior Will Knights, Gray tied for sixth at the Benbow Invitational.

"We had strong individual performances," Knights said, "but hadn't put it together as a team."

But while the men didn't win any of their tournaments, they did place respectfully at a number of them, including a tie for sixth at the Ross Intercollegiate, a second-place finish at the Benbow Invitational and a seventh-place finish at both the Dayton Flyer Invitational and Tennessee State's Big Blue Intercollegiate.

"Spring was more productive for us," Gray said. "We played better as a team so we could be proud of how we had played."

Highlights include junior Wil Padud's hole-in-one on the 18th hole in the final round of the Nichols Intercollegiate.

The men's team finished sixth of 10 at the MVC Tournament, with Voyvodic finishing fourth and Gray tying for ninth. Postseason honors went to Voyvodic, who was named to the all-conference team.



Even on a windy and chilly afternoon, freshman Zac Turi, senior Will Knights, freshman Maria Pickens and senior Rick Voyvodic are ready for a round of golf and to battle the elements. | Troy Burger

Catcher Mickaela Fleming puts the lockdown on Drake outfielder Melissa Schlottzauer as she covers home plate. | Taylor Williams

Eyes like an eagle. Keeping her eyes on the play, pinch runner Tess Hupe looks to make her move and get the steal. | Natalie Christy

What goes up, must come down. Catcher Bailee Bostic, leftfielder Kristin Koepke, rightfielder Olivia Cheatham and designated hitter Kori Keyes wait to see what the ball will do. | Chelsea Blanton

Staring down the pitcher with her bat drawn like a sword, catcher Hayli Scott looks like a warrior as she gets ready for the pitch. | Kate Sarber

Wichita State shortstop Laurie Anne Derrico is no match for shortstop Michal Luckett who mows her down for the out at second base. | Kate Sarber

Nothing keeps second basemen Chandra Parr from getting down and dirty as she slides for the ball and ends the inning. | Taylor Williams

After scanning the field for runners, in a flash third baseman Susan Norris whips the ball to home plate. | Kate Sarber



What a difference a year made. From a 10-win regular season in 2015 to 24 wins this season, the softball team was a force once more.

The team finished its 2016 campaign with its best MVC record in almost nine years. And this season the players weren't intimidated by the powerhouses either, knowing if they played

their game, they could win or at least finish respectably.

"I thought everyone was finally where they needed to be," first baseman Morgan Lambert said. "We hit our stride and everything clicked."

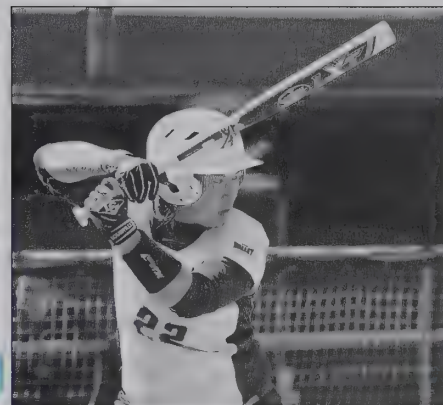
After being picked to finish last in the MVC, the Aces inched their way to sixth. Lambert said it was all about mindset.

"For us, a lot of it was mental," she said. "Just realizing, 'Oh, we got this,' we were going to be OK and that the person next to me was going to back me up if I needed something."

This confidence began to develop when the Aces ended up winning 10 of 15 in their first three tournaments. While the Indiana Classic was a setback and

the start to the MVC season a disappointment, the Aces knew they were on to something and continued to claw their way through conference play, sometimes falling short, but also scratching their way to wins.

"We played some bigger schools, and those were always tough," Lambert said. "But I don't think we played anyone



by Mackenzie Bruce

CONFIDENCE

at overmatched us. That was helpful; knowing we could play anybody."

While there were some frustrating losses, there were also some exciting wins. Taking two against Southern Illinois was definitely a highlight, but the two out of three wins over league-leading Wichita State was UE's first MVC series win since 2013.

Veterans played like you expected veterans to play, with shortstop Michal Luckett finishing with a .312 batting average, third baseman Susan Norris recording a .977 fielding percentage and second baseman Chandra Parr tallying 23 RBIs and six home runs.

But the player everyone was talking about was pitcher Mor-

gan Florey. In addition to knocking in 26 RBIs and hitting eight home runs, the freshman threw 214 strikeouts and finished with a 1.95 ERA.

Facing seventh-seeded Illinois State in the first round of the MVC Tournament, UE could not get anything going offensively. Pitching was the name of the game as the Redbirds limited the

Aces to two hits in the 2-0 loss.

Postseason honors went to Parr and Florey, who were named to the all-MVC first team, with Florey also receiving the "Freshman of the Year" award. Norris was named to the all-defensive team and coach Mat Mundell and his assistants received "Coaching Staff of the Year," the first honor for UE since 1985.

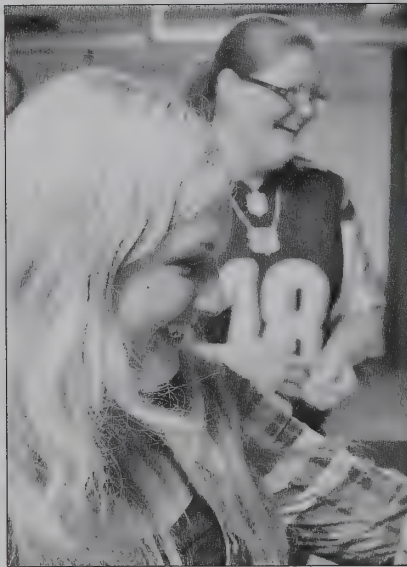
class of 2016

Of everyone, seniors had definitely figured out UE. We knew exactly how long it took to roll out of bed and make it to class on time. We knew which events to skip and which to get to early, which courses to recommend and how to find free food like pros. Although we spent most of our days battling senioritis, stress-

ing about projects and papers and making the most of our social lives, all while looking for a job — any job — somehow we survived. As the days counted down to graduation, we also realized how much we would miss UE, how much we had learned and, most importantly, that **there's much more to the class of 2016.**



Working her way through the dark, senior Mackenzie Bruce aims her laser gun toward her foes during a SAB laser tag event. Senior Khadija Evans checks her gun before firing into the clouds of smoke filtering through and around the beams of the Eykamp Hall course. | Taylor Williams



Squirt guns plus paint equals a stress-free night in Moore Hall for seniors Sara Cook and Jessica Barber as they take part in a hall program. | Chelsea Blanton



Unsure in their response, senior Joey Estes does a double check while senior Caroline Kopff writes down the answer during Honors Activity Board's "Nerd Wars." Their team, Shuck It Trebek, named from a "Saturday Night Live" skit, won the student portion of the competition. | Taylor Williams

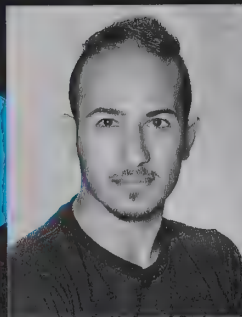


Everyone plays the waiting game. Seniors Henry Regan and Andrew Shook give a thumbs up just before it's their turn to get in line, receive their diploma covers and shake President Tom Kazee's hand during Commencement. Then it's back to their seats to begin the long wait. | Taylor Williams



Seniors Charlie Matias and Cameron Wickes set up for their experiment in Biology 427, "Animal Physiology." | Natalie Christy

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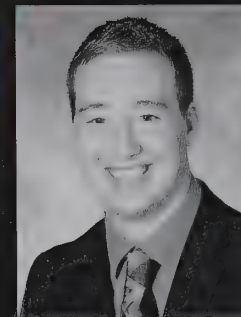
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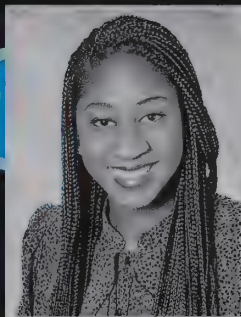
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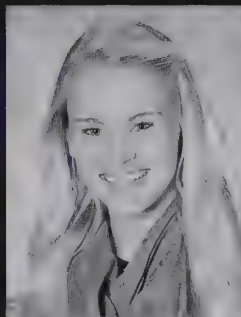
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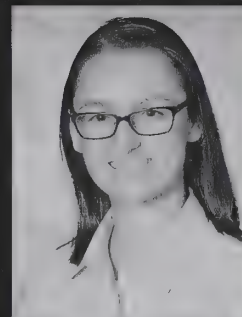
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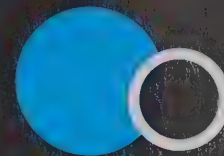
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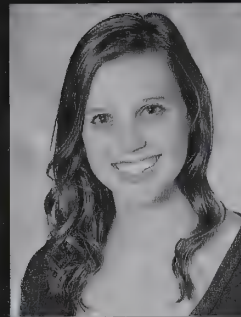




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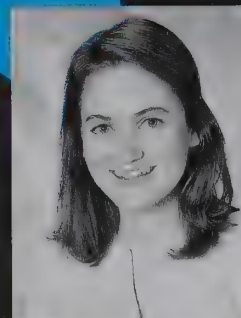
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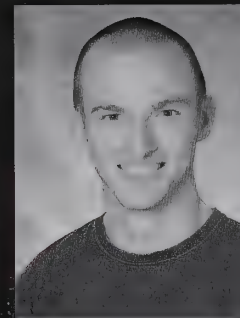
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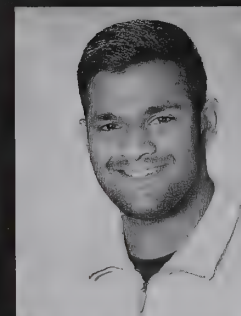
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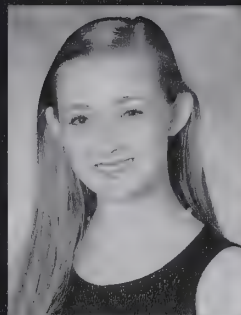
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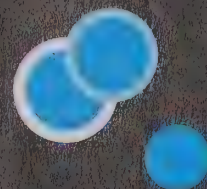
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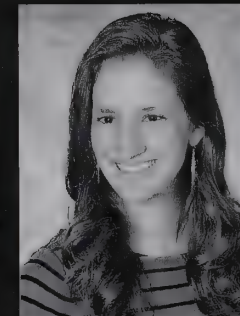
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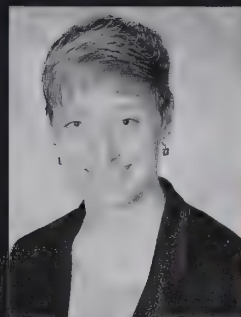
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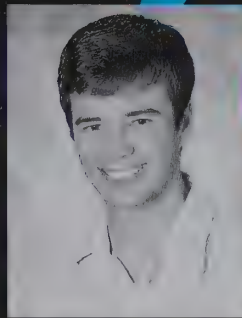
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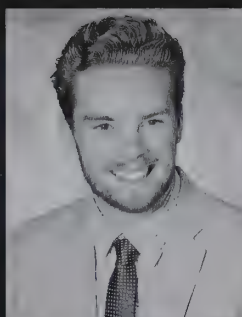
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by Mackenzie Bruce

just getting STARTED

Everyone kept saying it didn't feel real. While some of us were going on to graduate school, others couldn't stop bragging about the jobs they found. But regardless of where we went from here, today was our last day as undergraduates, the last time to gather and celebrate all we had done as the class of 2016.

Whether we were fashionably late or first in line, the anticipation was real. Many of us briefly abandoned our spots for selfies with friends and final good-byes, anxiously awaiting the ceremony.

"I was so nervous about tripping that my feet were sweating," senior Khadija Evans said. "But overall it was really surreal; it still felt like just a break and that I'd be back in a week."

Soon enough, we were guided as a group to our Ford Center seats. The best part was spotting ourselves on the Jumbotron and hearing our families cheer. But as soon as we were settled — and realized just how many classmates were in front or behind us in line — the dreaded wait began.

"After four years of waiting for your diploma, it was hard to sit patiently for another two hours," senior Brad Curtis said. "You just wanted to be celebrating."

President Tom Kazee addressed the graduates and their families before welcoming SGA President Matthew Lundberg and senior Mark Speckhard, the keynote speaker, who reflected on the graduates' time at UE.

It was Speckhard's passionate and humorous address that drew the most attention, as he called the class of 2016 to action. He shared an old Marine Corp legend about a captain and his troops who, despite being outnumbered during Germany's invasion of France during World War I, would not back down. In-

stead, he declared, "Retreat? Hell, we just got here."

Speckard invited graduates to let go of the phrase, "We've made it" and take on a confident tone and say, "Made it? Hell, we're just getting started."

Kazee then presented senior Emily Denne with the Mabel Dillingham Nennecker Award and senior Alex Schmitt with the Guthrie May Award, with Kevin Gray, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice, receiving the Outstanding Teacher Award.

With the speeches done and the awards presented, students fidgeted in their seats. It was finally their time to walk across the stage.

While everyone waited to be called, others walked, danced and cheered their way across the stage to shake hands with Kazee. But once we received that fancy diploma cover, we were glued to our phones as we shared pictures and laughed at mispronounced names. Every once in a while we cheered for a friend, but otherwise we just waited for the end.

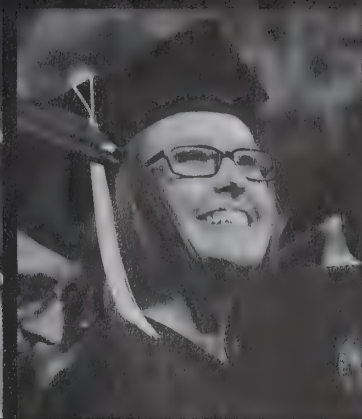
Finally, Kazee asked the graduates to move their tassels from right to left, and the stadium erupted in cheers. Now was time for the real celebration, to fight the crowds to find family, friends and professors before running away to grab one last photo by the UE sign. Even in the happiest of celebrations, we realized how weird it would be to say goodbye — for now — to our UE home.

"It was really hard," Evans said. "Saying 'see you later' to some of the people who really made my college experience was probably the thing I was most unprepared for. I never fully understood why people said college was the best time of your life until graduation. The people I met here made it the best time."



It's taken many years and tons of hard work for these doctorate of physical therapy students to achieve their goal, but graduate students Shannon Dick, Matthew Kramer and Emily Jolly finally reach the pinnacle. | McKayla Seifert

Looking back on her college career and flashing a bright smile, senior Abbi Hanson takes in the final moments of the ceremony before officially moving her gold tassel from right to left. | Taylor Williams



Senior Charli Belford can't help but be amused by seniors Blake Brooks and Mislav Brzuja after they all have their turn crossing the stage. | Taylor Williams

The future is so bright for senior Annie Taylor that she has to wear shades, but senior Kane Stratman remains stoic as he checks out his empty diploma cover. | Taylor Williams

Having located her family sitting in the stands, senior Melissa Whitney sends a shining smile their way after having her time in the spotlight. | Taylor Williams

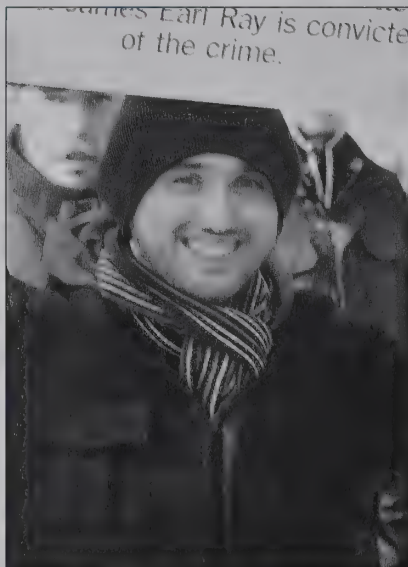
everyone ELSE

If it wasn't our time to graduate, we were referred to as that eclectic group known as everyone else. Mixed among us were those who were still over-the-top excited about college and college life. Then there were those of us who thought they knew it all, at least until they found out they didn't. Others professed

to be the busiest people on the planet, or so they thought. There were also others who were frightfully close to graduating and were called super-seniors. And the graduate students? Well, they were in a class all by themselves. No matter the label, each year we learned that *there's much more to being everyone else.*



For some, rock climbing ignites feelings such as uncertainty, caution and even panic. Freshman Rebecca Clark manages to accomplish the task like she is a longtime professional. And she does it with a smile – all the way to the top of the wall – at Vertical eXcape. | Chelsea Blanton



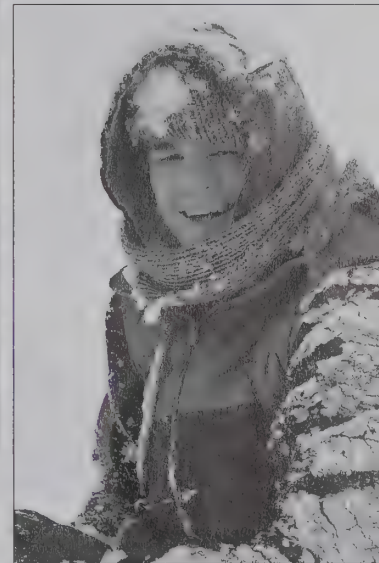
All smiles despite the frigid temperatures, freshman Mikey Matic marches with his men's soccer teammates on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. | Natalie Christy



Who would ever choose homework over crafts and cookies? Leaving schoolwork behind and bringing creativity to the table, sophomore Donald Hubbard and freshman Allyssa Trimble spend some time with other residents at Moore Hall's "Beads of Privilege" event. | Monica Morales



Even though their team has fewer hiding places, freshmen Bailey Brandvold and Will Esty are determined to win the SAB laser tag game. As they seek refuge in their team's headquarters, Brandvold powers up while Esty provides cover, firing at enemy movement. | McKayla Seifert



Although it's freezing, freshman Miguel Marcano doesn't mind getting a little wet from rolling around in the snow. | Troy Burger



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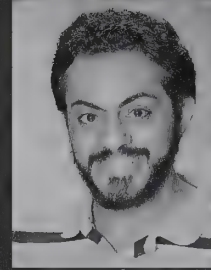
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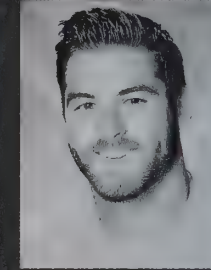
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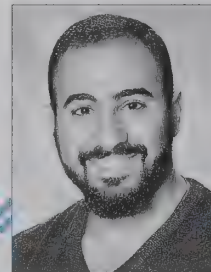
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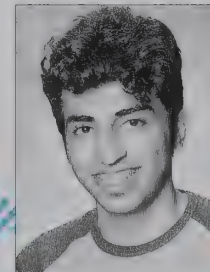
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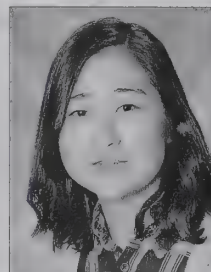
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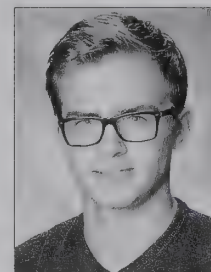
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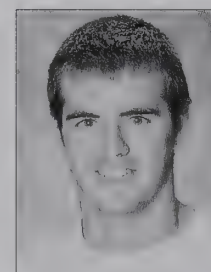
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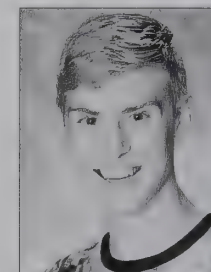
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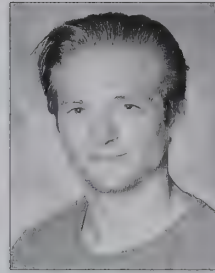
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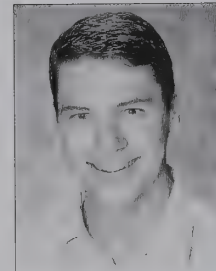
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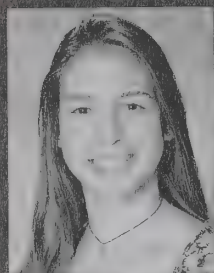
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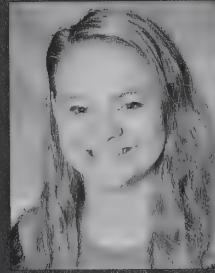
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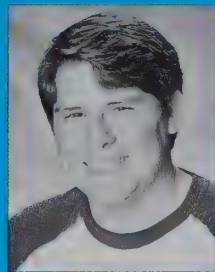
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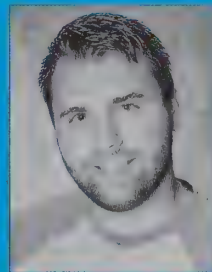
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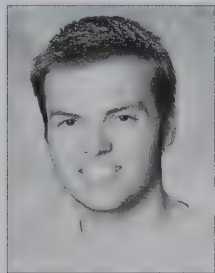
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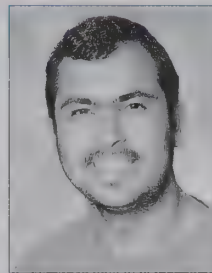
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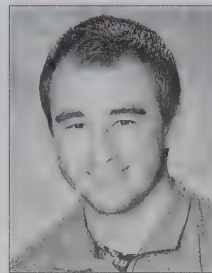
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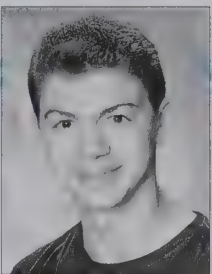
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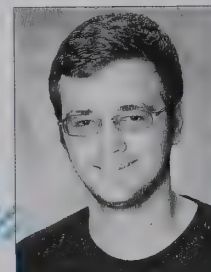
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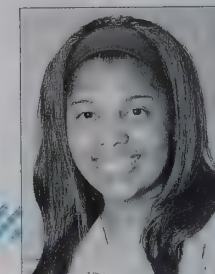
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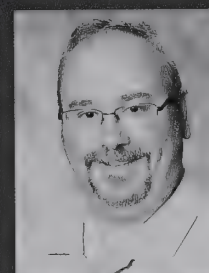
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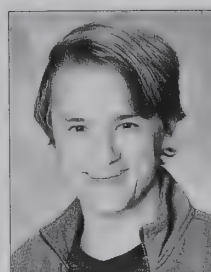
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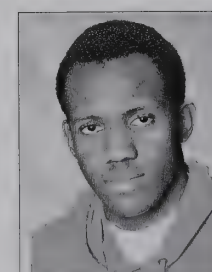
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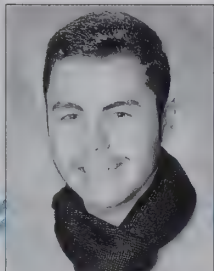
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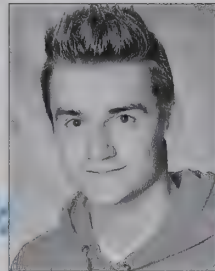
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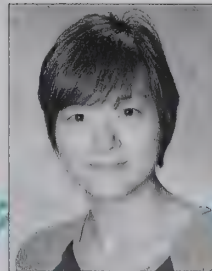
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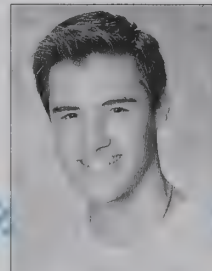
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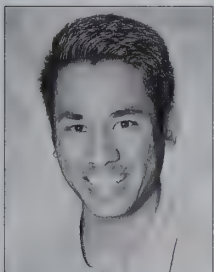
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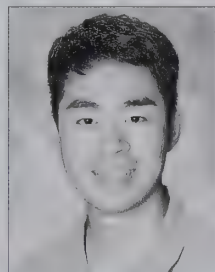
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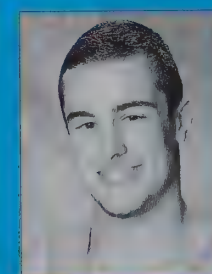
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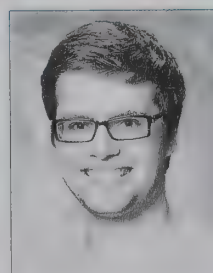
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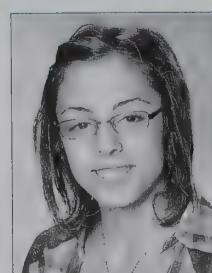
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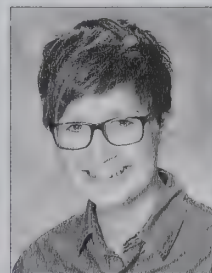
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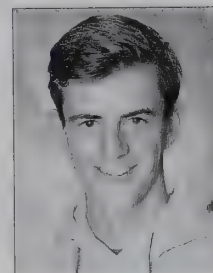
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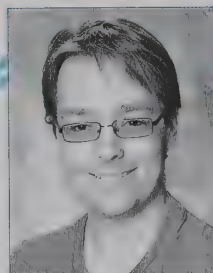
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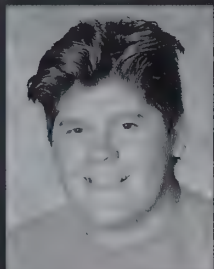
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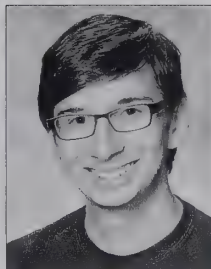
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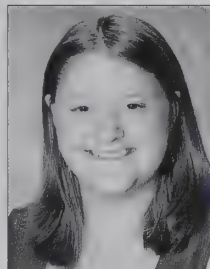
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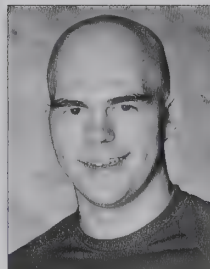
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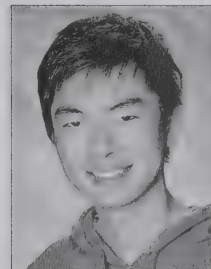
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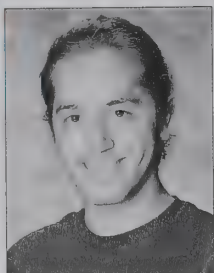
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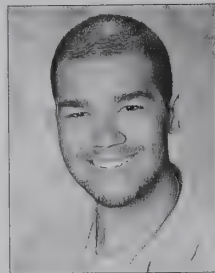
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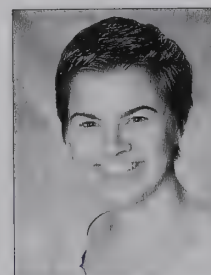
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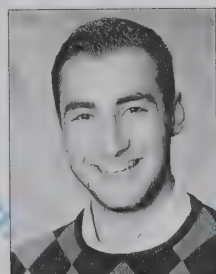
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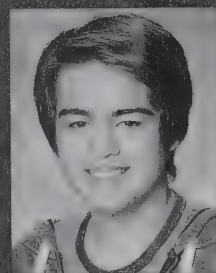
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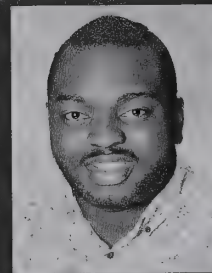
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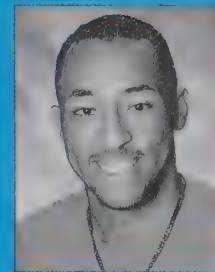
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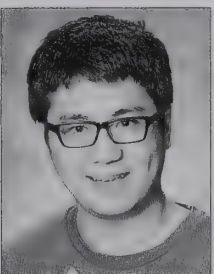
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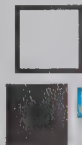
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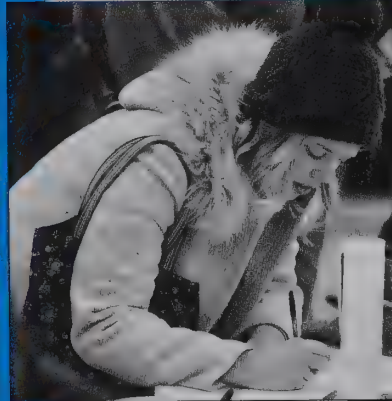
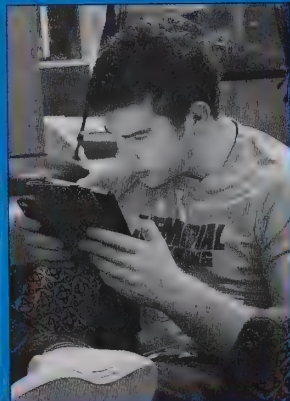
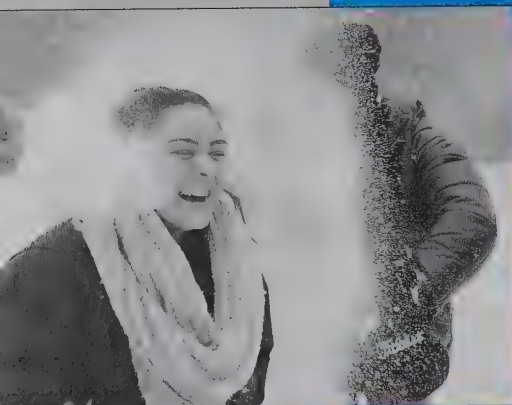
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Strong semester always seemed to simultaneously drag on and speed by. We trudged through winter with dashed hopes of snow days and dazed through seemingly never-ending classes. A handful of days off were our motivation, and once we made it to Spring Break, we felt we could make it through anything. Somehow we had managed to balance courses with social lives and procrastination with productivity. In the last weeks, we lozed about campus, putting off anything that had anything to do with school in fear of seeing up good weather and friends. We desired there was more to the



long summers—those moments where we knew we had finally made the grade or the other times we gave in to much-needed Netflix marathons. But we also looked forward to next year's adventures and the unknown. We were looking forward to another year of life at a post-grad life we realized there was much more to come.

there's much
MORE to come in our lives



No one is safe in this snowball fight as senior Jean Bruggeman pummels sophomore Sammi Shuler. | Taylor Williams



Nothing can distract sophomore Blake Brown from his device as he really tunes in on something. | Natalie Christy



All hail to UE. Junior Timothy Schaefer transforms into Ace Purple and claps along to the fight song. | Taylor Williams



Senior Keziah Colleton helps the Student Publications team at Honor Activity Board's "Nerd Wars." | Taylor Williams

Senior Hannah Richardson signs a pledge for peace as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Day festivities. | Natalie Christy

Senior Katherine Eckert and junior Andrew Stewart perform at Musical Madness. | Taylor Williams

Freshman Stephanie Cruz and sophomore Chris Hartzell discuss Pokemon while on a study break. | McKayla Seifert

Mondays result in naps for many. Sophomore McKayla Hochstetler catches hers in Ridgway Center. | Natalie Christy

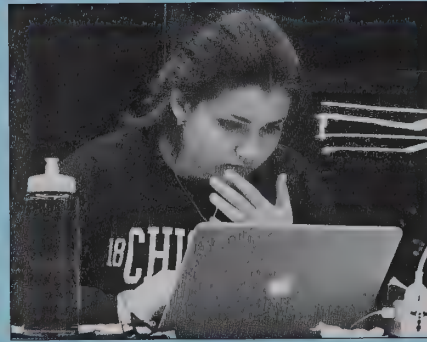
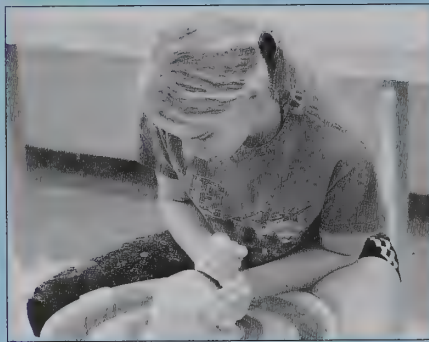
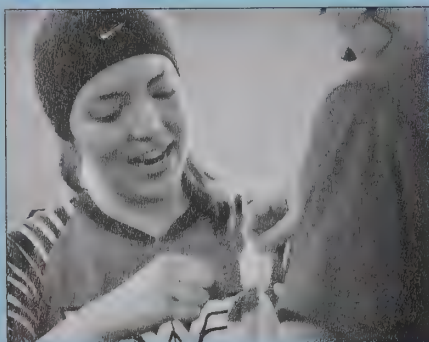
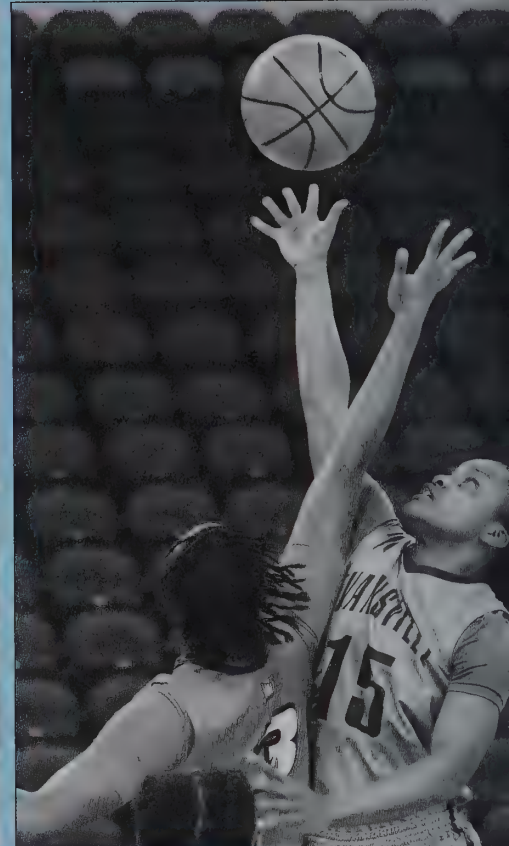
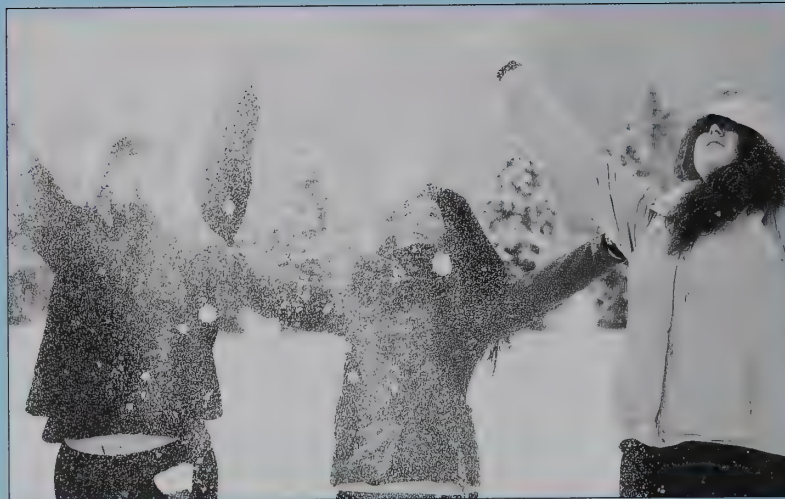
Senior Will Patzke does his best to keep senior Zane Wyman off the ball during an intramural game. | Taylor Williams

After a quick trek in the snow, hot chocolate is the best pick-me-up for freshmen Samantha Morgan, Caitlin Williams and Taylor Nacke. | Chelsea Blanton

Eyeing the ball, guard Kenya Johnson stretches as high as she can against Illinois State forward Octavia Crump in a game at Ford Center. | Troy Burger

With spring finally arriving, graduate student Fabricio Rodezno, junior Megan King and seniors Hannah Richardson and Meg Reinsch stop to chat. | Natalie Christy

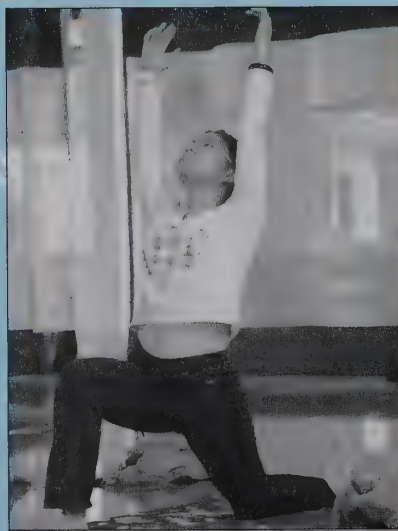
Amid piles of homework and books, freshman Marine Darzgan settles in for a late night of studying in the Bower-Suhrheinrich Library. | MaKayla Seifert



Making the perfect sock snowman was the goal as junior Devon Bodenhorn helps freshman Becca Humphrey add rice to the sock during a Moore Hall event. | Troy Burger

Senior Maggie Lawrence carefully handles the clay with the perfect touch as she works on her bowl-throwing skills in the art studio. | Troy Burger

Finding balance and focus during weekly yoga classes, freshman Shangshang Yao controls her breathing while in the warrior one pose. | Justin Spellman





Her face says it's all fun and games, but junior Taylor Collins-Riddle is planning to drop a snow bomb on an unsuspecting victim. | Chelsea Blanton

Anticipating the question, seniors Jamelyn Wheeler and Peter Orkiszewski wait for it to pop up on the screen during Honors Activity Board's "Nerd Wars." | Taylor Williams

Beautiful music comes from junior Gilbert Sanchez's horn as he helps others feel the spirit of Christmas during the Holiday Pops Concert. | Justin Spellmen



Inconceivable! Westley (sophomore Kevin Robkin) ponders the loss of his love, Buttercup, during Chi Omega, Phi Gamma Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha's Musical Madness skit. The groups win the competition with their skit based on 1987's "The Princess Bride." | Taylor Williams

It's not a matter of who's taller but who wants the basket more. Wichita State guard Ron Baker and guard Blake Simmons go head-to-head. Baker tries to block Simmons as he reaches for the rim to knock the ball in, getting two points for the Aces. | McKayla Seifert

In an attempt to take snowball fights to the next level, senior Korey Brock prepares to launch a giant glob at an unsuspecting rival. | Chelsea Blanton

Participating in an It's On Us event, seniors Allison Meyer and Holly Sanders sign pledges comparing an everyday act with getting consent. | Natalie Christy

As freshman John Baker steps on stage at PRIDE's "Drag Show," a rush of students race toward the tip box in support of their favorite queen. | Chelsea Blanton



As their powerful voices cascade through the audience, freshmen Savannah Kern and Bailey Alka, sophomore Caroline Roberts and seniors Alexandra Billhartz and Payton Judd sing hauntingly beautiful Christmas music during the annual Holiday Pops concert at Victory Theatre. | Kate Sarber

Determination rules the day. The snapping sound of her pitch hitting the catcher's glove still echoes through Cooper Stadium as pitcher Morgan Florey winds up another one in her winning effort against Wichita State. | Chelsea Blanton



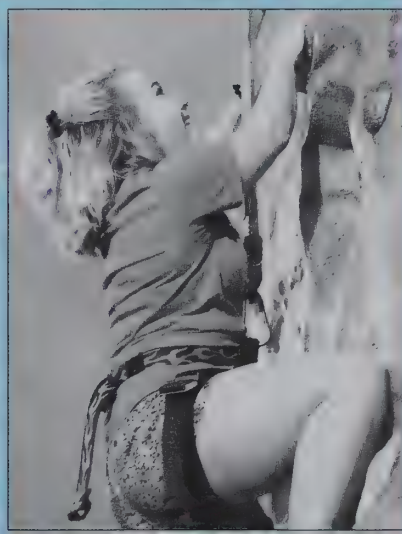
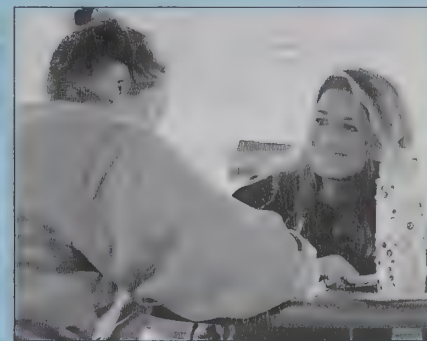
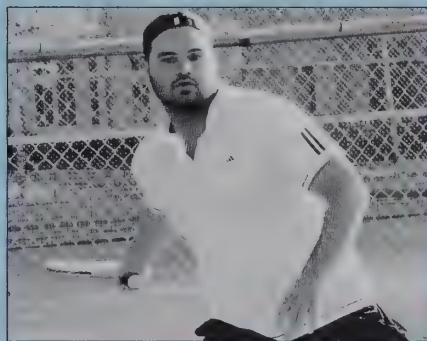


His moves are just too powerful as guard Christian Benzon slips past Wabash guard Johnny Jager and goes in for the basket. | Kate Sarber

Watch out! With the cushioned arm coming straight at her, junior Michelle Karp ducks so she doesn't get knocked on her butt during Purple Palooza. | Troy Burger

Concentrating as if he was practicing for the U.S. Open, senior Nasib Haffar has some serious fun volleying with one of his fraternity brothers. | Natalie Christy

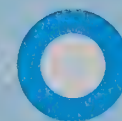
Checking it twice, freshmen Jessica Robinson and Bailee Lamberson look over the course registration list, hoping to find one to take together. | Taylor Williams



With much amusement, seniors Hannah Richardson and Meg Reinsch have fun creating a list of guys they have dated during their college days. | Taylor Williams

Junior Noor Alsirafi and freshman Euen Freeman show visiting elementary school students what happens when an item is covered in liquid nitrogen. | Taylor Williams

Sophomore Emilee Johnson climbs her way up the rock wall during Purple Palooza but only makes it about half way before losing her grip. | Taylor Williams



2016 LinC staff



ELC's note



For most students, their only notion of the LinC was, "We have a yearbook?"

Some eagerly picked up their copy at the Student Organizations Fair in early September,

while others visited our pass out tables as we begged many others to pick up their copy since we passed out books all yearlong.

And though I cannot count the number of times I was told, with shock and surprise, that a student didn't know the LinC was free, for those of us on staff, there was much more to creating this book than most might have thought. Whether we were on staff for only a year or for three or four, making the LinC meant late nights in the office, long and crazed hours until deadline and many, many cups of coffee.

I wouldn't have made it through the year if it were not for a dedicated and understanding staff of writers, photographers and designers who had my back.

To Kate: thank you for sticking around with us college kids for another year and sacrificing your weekends and some week nights far more often than you wanted to. Your wonderful photos make this book so much brighter, and I couldn't have done without your ability to round up the photogs and teach them all they needed to know. Ranting and laughing with you got us through it, and I am glad I got to spend the extra year getting to know you.

To Kayla: our book is so beautiful. Thank you for bearing with my lack of design knowledge and indecision. I loved watching you grow, even if only for a little while before you traveled the world. To Taylor and Makayla: even though you ditched us for Harlaxton, thank you for all of your beautiful photos and support. I will miss the laughs and the stories.

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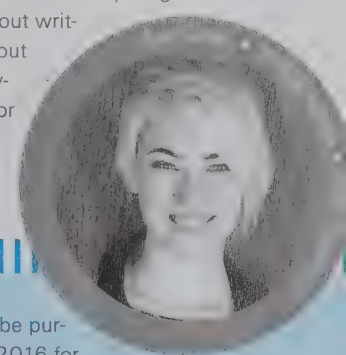
you could and brought many entertaining memories to the office. You, too, have contributed something that this book couldn't be without.

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Thank you to the faculty and staff who let our photographers and writers into your classrooms and events, and for understanding the importance of sharing our UE experience.

To the UE Alumni Association, we are forever appreciative for your help in delivering the 2016 book to the graduates; otherwise they'd just forget all about us.

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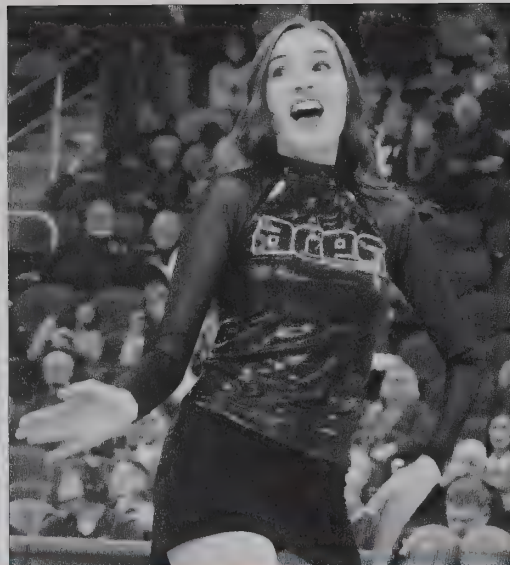
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On a night full of holiday festivities, seniors Joey Estes and Rachel Wyatt bundle up and enjoy each other's company. | Chelsea Blanton

Cracking a smile, sophomore Chosila Sutanawibul laughs at a joke a friend makes during a Moore Hall event. | Troy Burger

Junior Victoria Salsman outshines her dance team uniform as she performs during halftime at Ford Center. | MaKayla Seifert

With a great wig and some big attitude, freshman Marshall Hopkins wows the crowd with his performance at PRIDE's "Drag Show." | Chelsea Blanton

Nicer weather finds sophomore Gabby Hickey talking outside with her sister. | Taylor Williams

Junior Alanna Payne tries to form the perfect snowball during a snow break. | Chelsea Blanton



Pulling for a cause, junior Thomas Steele laughs through the pain during Lambda Chi Alpha's annual "Teeter-Totter-A-Thon" fundraiser. Steele pulled for over an hour before he was released and able to take a break. | Taylor Williams



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